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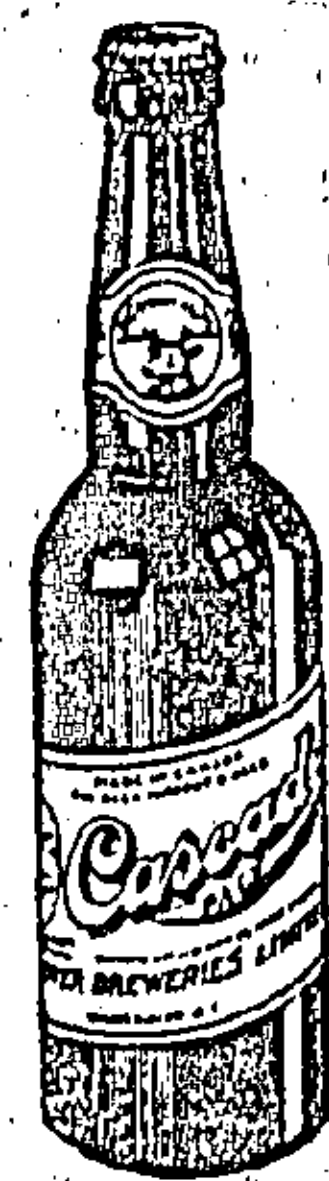
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GOLD BAR THEFT.

ACCUSED FOUND GUILTY.

The theft of gold bars, to the value of 600 taels, from a launch belonging to the Wo Fat Shing firm, Wing Lok Street, on October 12, was recalled at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, before Mr. Justice Wood, when an alleged robber appeared for trial. The prisoner, Tsui Fu, is charged for having, with others not in custody, on board the launch Wo Fat Shing, robbed Tam Shiu-tong of 600 taels of gold bar, as well as with robbing other members of the crew of money to the total value of \$28.08, a watch and a gold wrist watch.

Evidence was given by those on board the launch as to the robbers' attack and how the prisoner searched and robbed them and carried a pistol.

A constable who arrested the prisoner on board the s.s. Kwongtung said that on the way to No. 2 Police Station, the prisoner told him that he came to the central district in a motor car with two others. He, himself, immediately went on board the boat. He did not know where the other two had gone.

Gold Bar Found.

Evidence was given of the prisoner being searched at No. 2 Police Station, witness stating that the man's shoes and socks were removed. In his clothes they found two one dollar Hongkong notes and small coins. Inside his left sock were found one ten dollar note and one five dollar note. One ten dollar note was found in his right sock. Before the search was completed, orders were received for the prisoner to be taken to the Water Police Station and it was not until another search was conducted there that the bar of gold was found in the man's shoe.

A sergeant interpreter said that he read the charge to the prisoner on October 14 when he made the following statement: "I was on board the steam launch. I did not hold a revolver. I did not search any person. Ah Wing and Ah Siu told me to take the wheel for them. When alongside the shore they told me to go ashore and on alighting told me to get a motor car. Ah Wing gave me \$50 near the China Bank and told me to get the steamer and go to Canton at once. Mr. Sheldon raised the point as to the delay before the prisoner was charged and Detective Sub-Inspector A.J.W. Dorling was called to speak on this point.

In reply to his Lordship witness said the prisoner was arrested on October 12. The delay was caused through the time taken in obtaining statements from witnesses to find out what happened and what was stolen.

That closed the case for the Crown and Mr. Sheldon expressed himself as satisfied with Sub-Inspector Dorling's explanation. He went on to say that he was going to pursue an unusual course inasmuch he was not calling evidence neither did he intend to address the jury. If, however, his Lordship adjourned the case, he did not propose to bind himself to that course.

Under those circumstances his Lordship decided that the case could be concluded. Addressing the jury his Lordship pointed out that Mr. Sheldon had tried to show that the mental calibre of the prisoner was not normal. "There was no evidence of that, and if the prisoner wanted to allege that, then it was for the prisoner's counsel to prove it."

He expressed the opinion that the Crown evidence was sufficiently solid on which to record a conviction and the prisoner's statement favoured the case for the Crown.

Unsatisfactory Evidence.

Dealing with the searching evidence his Lordship expressed the opinion that it was not satisfactory. The prisoner's shoes were removed from his feet at No. 2 Police Station. When searched there other articles were found on him but nothing was obtained from the shoes. The shoes were apparently put on the prisoner's feet

"KEEP IT PRIVATE."

NOT THE SAME AS "KEEPING IT DARK."

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, a Chinese process-work in the Photo-Engraving Department of the Commercial Press at Kennedy Town, was charged on remand with making an impression of a Central Bank of China note design. Three other Chinese were charged with being accomplices.

The prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Carey, and Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones appeared for all the defendants.

Cheung Pui-sang, foreman of the particular Department in which the first defendant was employed, stated that the Commercial Press, amongst other things, undertook the printing of bank notes. They had printed notes for the Bank of Kwangsi, but had never at any time, printed Central Bank notes.

Recently, the first defendant handed witness what appeared to be a genuine Central Bank note and asked if a photograph could be taken to bring out the colours thereon. Demurring at first, witness was at length persuaded to take the photograph in the belief that it would lead to a prospective big order for the firm. The result was not very successful, and he broke up the negative.

Became Suspicious.

Witness refused to make another trial, stipulating that the manager's authority must first be secured, and then became suspicious when the first defendant, together with the fourth defendant, pressed the business to the point of offering witness \$100 or \$200 for undertaking the work. He reasoned with them that it was against the law and that under no circumstances would he take another photograph, even if they were to pay him a thousand dollars for it.

The following day he saw the first and third defendants working on a copper plate. They were engaged in the process of transferring an impression on to the copper, and he went out and made a report to the manager of his suspicions.

When the manager went into the room, and questioned the first defendant (the third defendant by this time had gone away), the latter asked the manager to keep the matter private.

A Distinction. Mr. Hugh Jones disputed His Worship's interpretation of these words "as keeping it dark." Mr. Hugh Jones drew a distinction between this and "keeping it private," which he said, might make a world of difference in the case of his client.

After being ordered out of the building by the manager, the first defendant never returned to the workshop again.

The case was adjourned.

again after he left the "large room" at No. 2 Station but he did not again wear his socks.

He crossed the ferry to the Water Police station in charge of the police and when he reached that station a second search was ordered in the presence of an inspector. It was known to be a second search but nothing further was found on the prisoner.

Yet, after detectives had taken the man away out of the inspector's presence into a cell, and incidentally after the coxswain of the launch had attended and made a report, a seaman had stated in evidence that the man's shoes were removed and the piece of gold then taken out. "I would not like to say on that evidence that the piece of gold was in the man's shoe on the Kwongtung when he was arrested."

His Lordship went on to say that that point was not chiefly the case for the Crown. Witnesses had identified the prisoner as searching them and carrying a pistol. Also in his statement the prisoner had admitted that he had taken the wheel and shared in the proceeds at the last. His Lordship added that he did not see how the jury

MURDER TRIAL.

FATHER ACQUITTED.

Charged with the murder of his 15-year-old daughter, a Chinese from 88, Canton Road, Kowloon, appeared before the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is conducting the case for the Crown and Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. F. E. Loseby, is defending.

Razor Found.

In the afternoon evidence was given by Detective Sub-Inspector A. J. W. Dorling that on September 24 he was called to No. 88 Canton Road, first floor at ten minutes past eight in the evening and there saw the prisoner with two women. The elder was sitting on a bed nursing the girl. There was a wound in the girl's throat and in witness's opinion she was dead. The prisoner was lying on another bed, his "throat" also being cut.

Witness discovered a blood-stained razor and a razor case.

A sergeant interpreter, who took a statement from the prisoner when charged, read out the statement which was to the effect that his daughter had been sick for ten days and his wife and himself nursed her day and night. "On account of my daughter I lost my appetite. I went to sleep that night. When I awoke I saw some men standing in front of me and they said they wanted to kill me. I fought them and after that I do not know what I did."

A statement made before the Police Magistrate was also read, being substantially the same.

His Lordship remarked he was doubtful as to whether the Crown had established a *prima facie* case.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy replied they were faced with very many difficulties and a lot was a matter of inference. It was quite consistent that anyone else might have done the deed, but the fact that the girl's throat was badly cut and her father's only slightly, rather tended to show that the girl did not cut her own throat.

Insufficient Evidence. His Lordship pointed out that the evidence was purely circumstantial and in order that the jury could find against the prisoner there must be more evidence.

Mr. Fitzroy replied that it was not the wish of the Crown to press the case and he did not want to argue on the matter.

His Lordship said it was a very remarkable and extraordinary case and would be difficult to argue about. He had come across only one case with similar features. That was when he was in Bermuda many years ago. He pointed out to the jury the circumstantial nature of the evidence and the fact that the prisoner's wife could not give evidence against her husband. The only thing he could ask them to do was to find that there was no direct evidence against the prisoner and discharge him.

Without retiring, after a brief consultation, the jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" and the prisoner was discharged.

could avoid recording a conviction. If, however, the jury thought it possible that the prisoner was on board without knowing what was going on, or what he did did under compulsion, then there might be some ground for returning a different verdict. There was, however, very little evidence of that fact.

He added that if there was a suspicion in the minds of the jury that members of the crew who had given evidence were privy to what was going on, he did not consider that that made any difference to the prisoner's guilt.

Without retiring, the jury returned a verdict of "guilty."

Mr. Sheldon asked leave to say a few words in mitigation of the offence.

His Lordship decided to postpone sentence until Wednesday morning when Mr. Sheldon could make such remarks as he wished.

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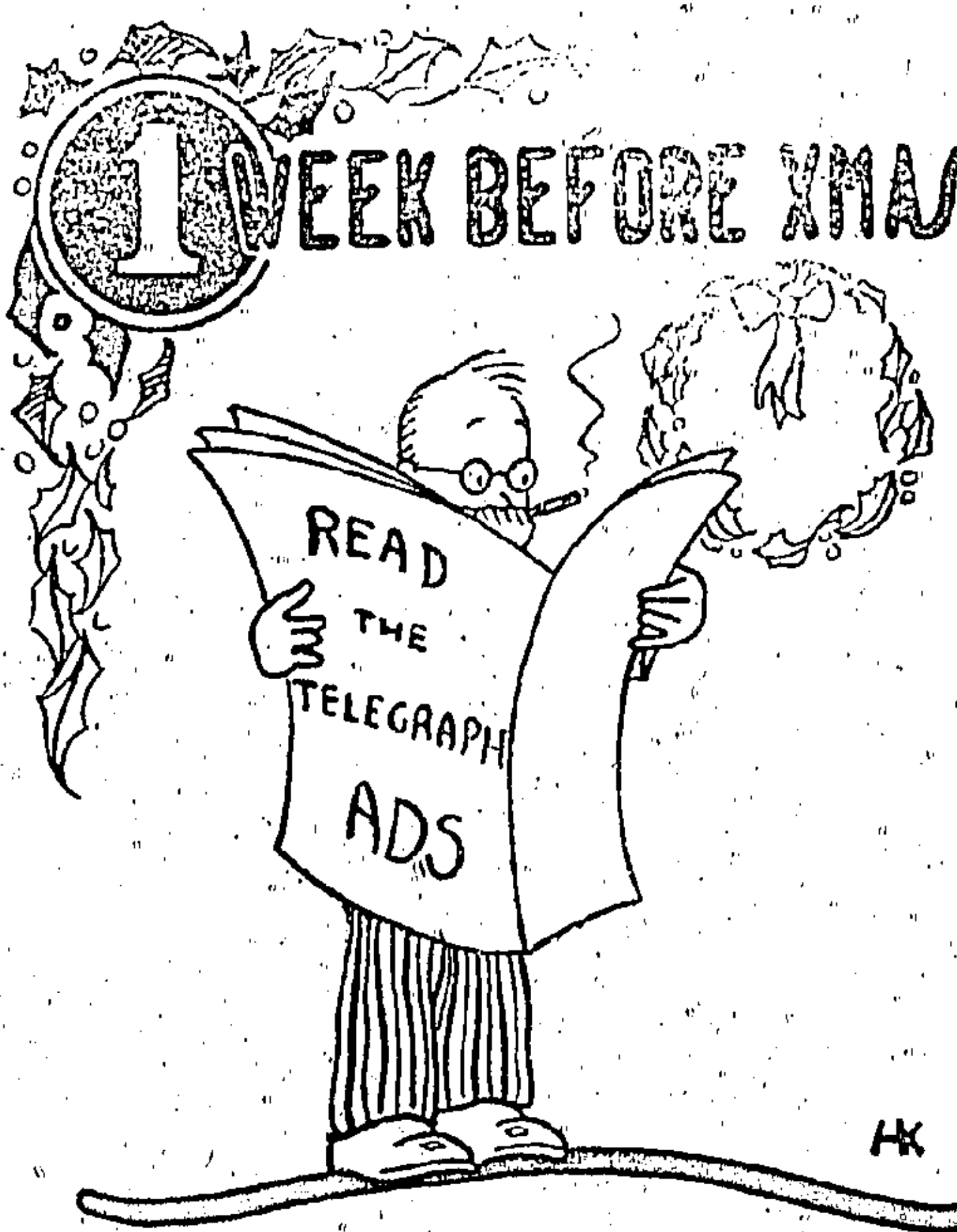
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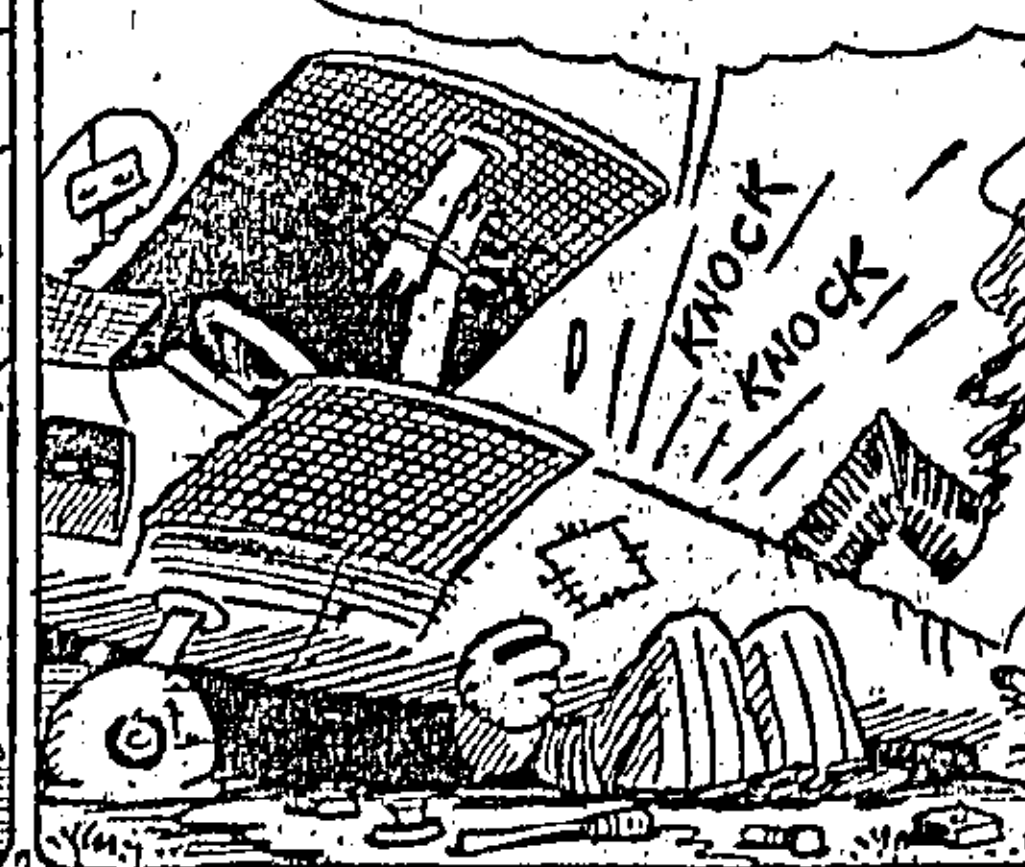
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WORLD FIGHT, TOOK ENGLAND BY
STORM YESTERDAY — BUT THE STORM
DIDN'T PREVENT THEM FROM MOVING ON
LAST NIGHT TO ANOTHER SAFE LANDING.

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COUNTRY THIS IS, BUT I
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WHERE WE ARE —



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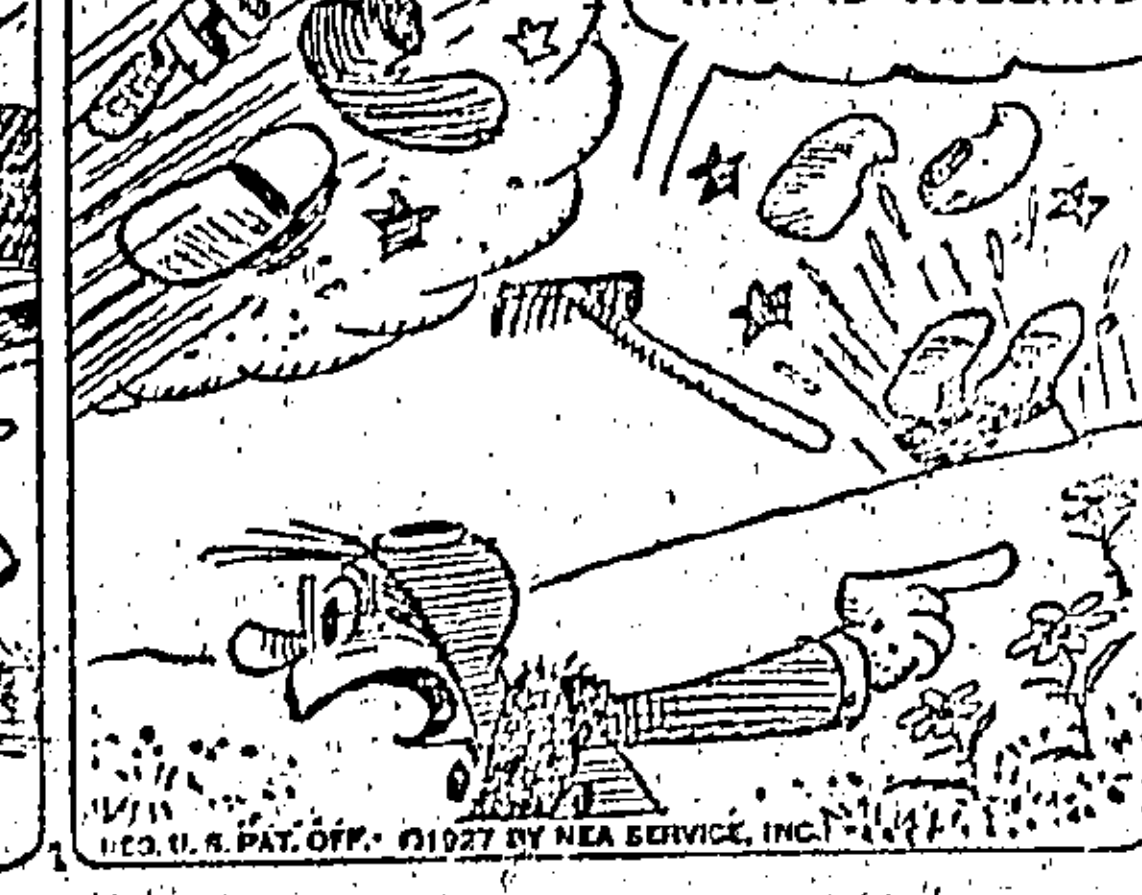
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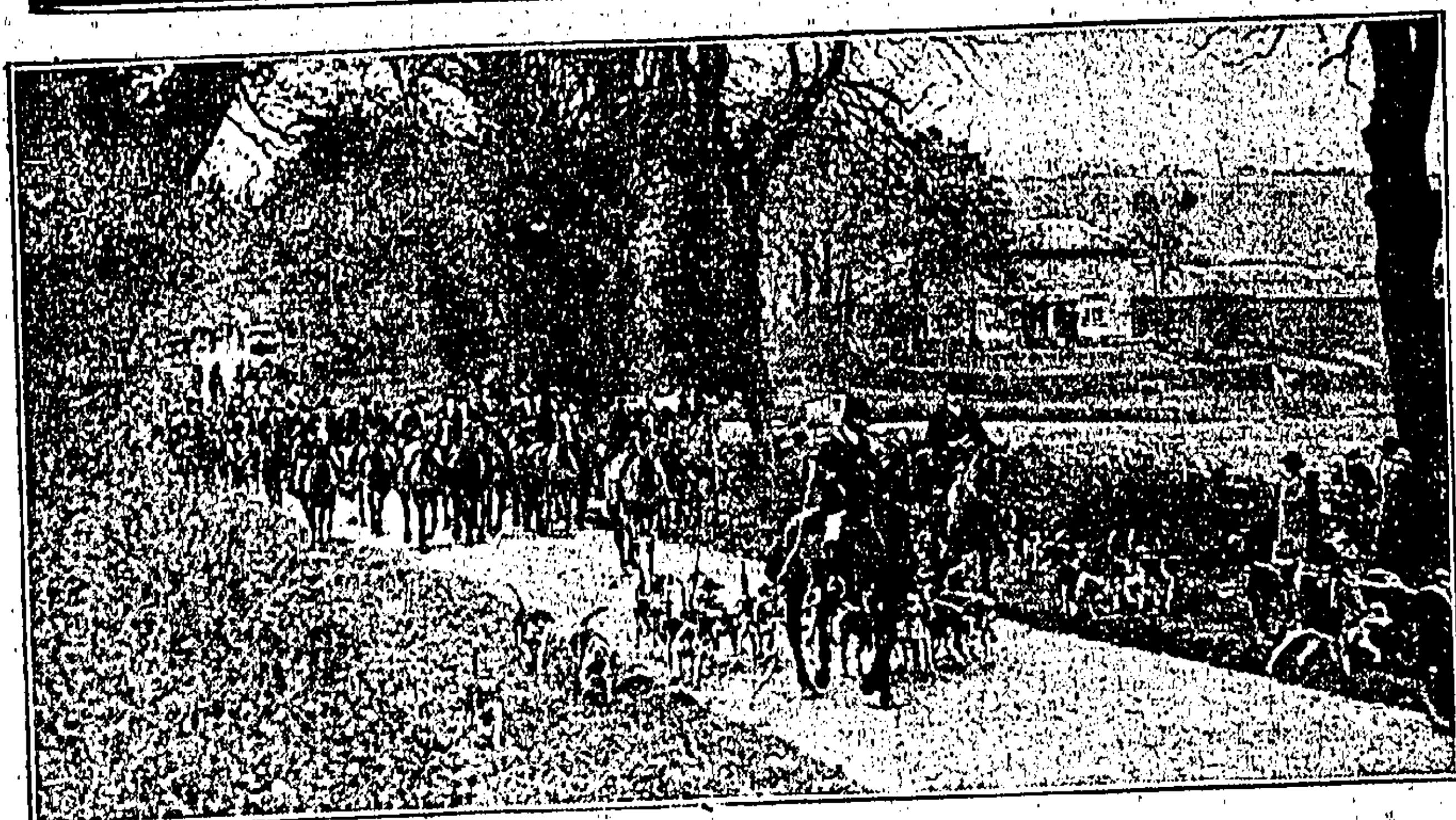


OH, NO WE'RE NOT!
I'VE GOT THE OLD
PLANE FIXED UP.
FINE!



THAT DOESN'T
MAKE ANY
DIFFERENCE —
THIS IS HOLLAND!

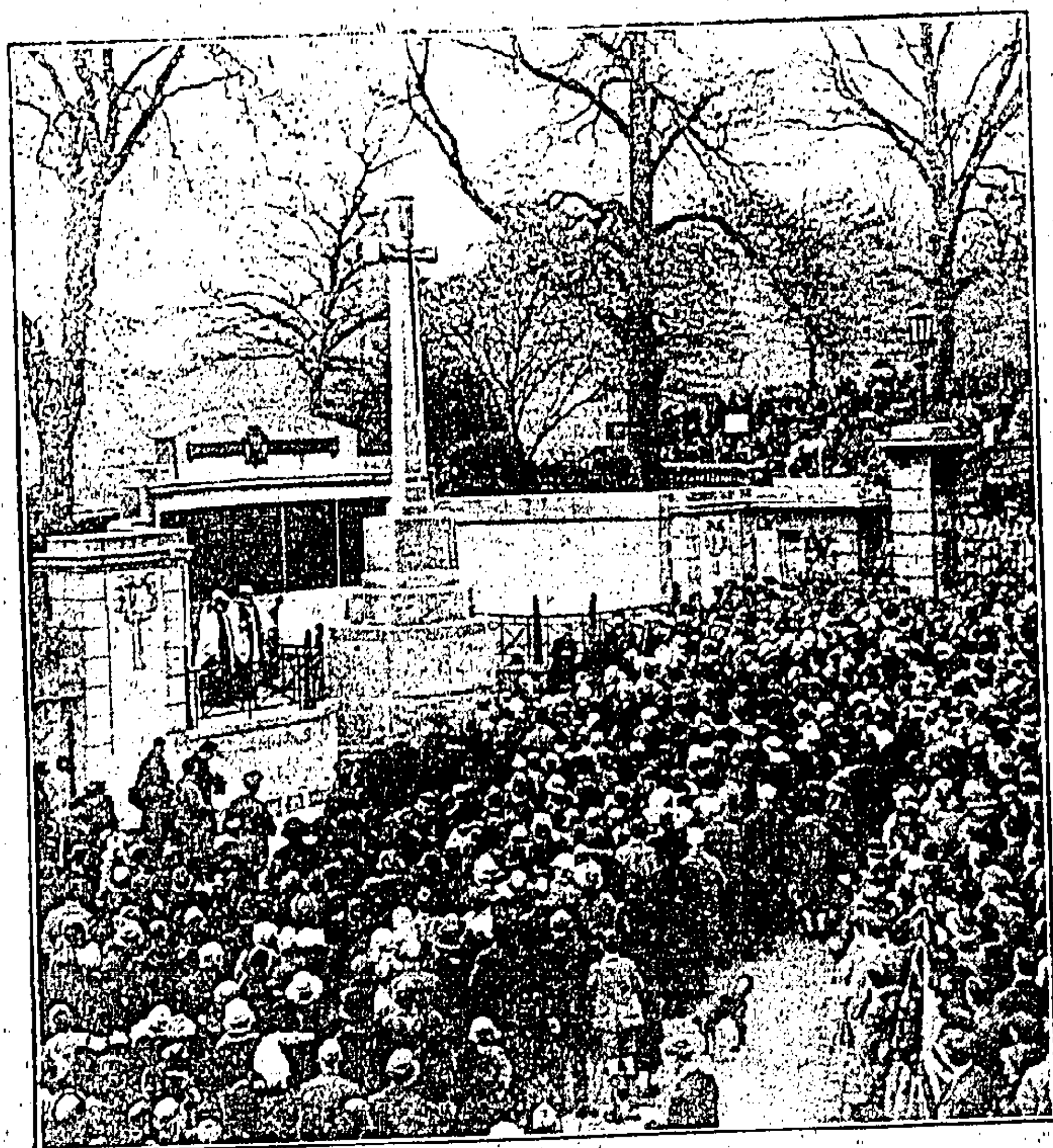




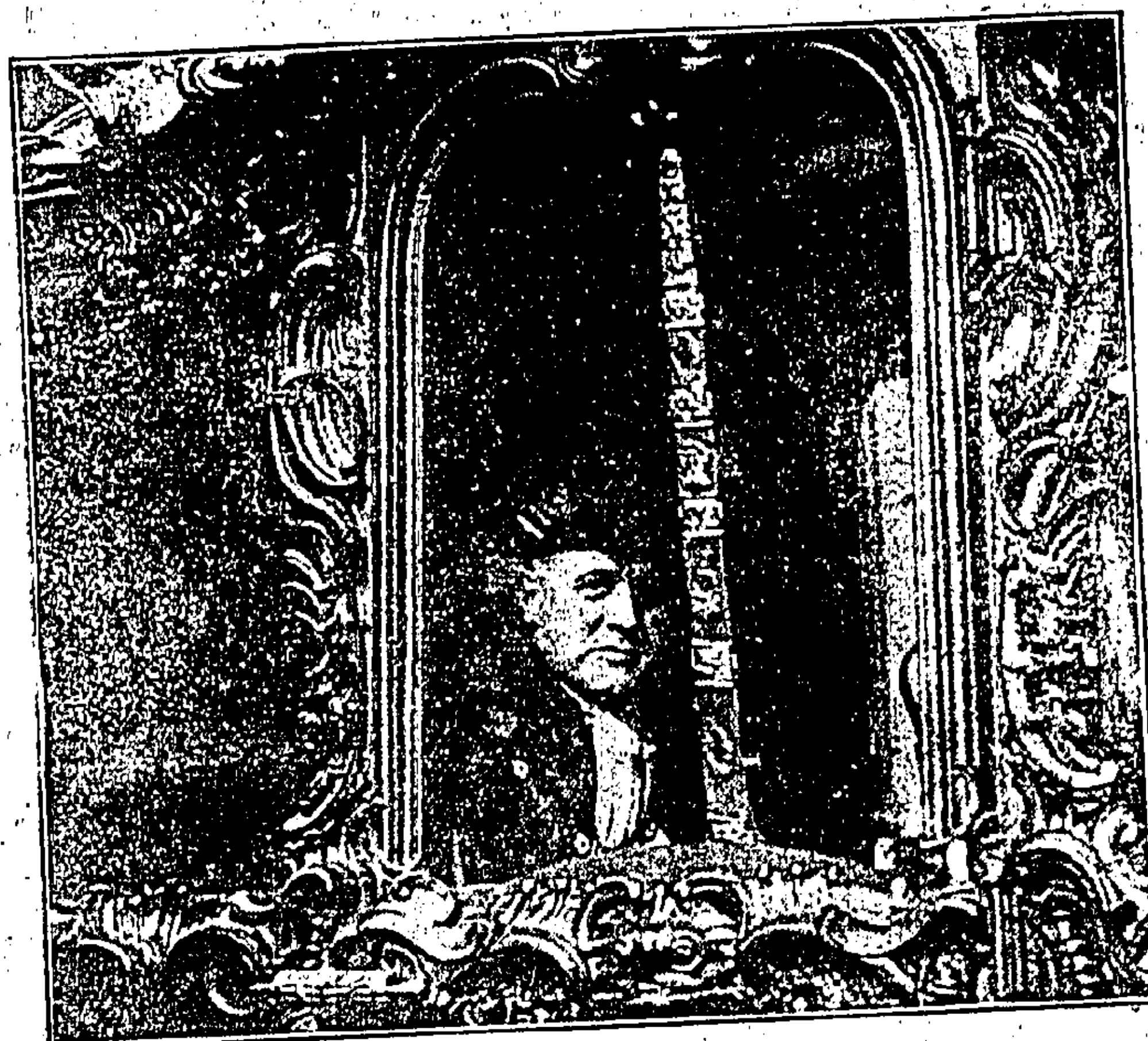
The field moving off from Leosthorpe, near Melton Mowbray, the scene of the Cottesmore Meet. The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York were among the field.



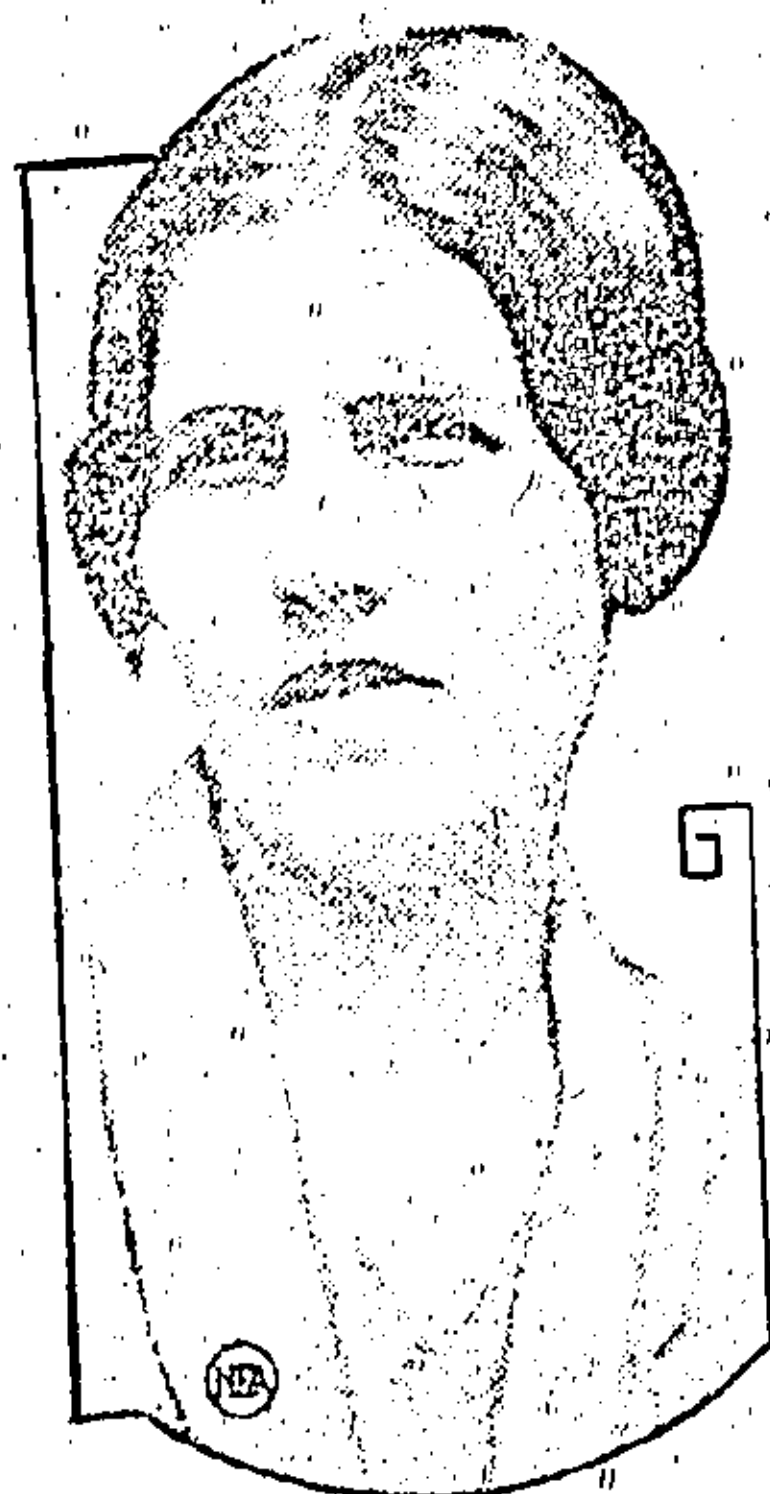
The signing of the Treaty of Friendship and Non-Aggression between France and Yugoslavia at the Quai d'Orsay.



The Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicating the War Memorial at the entrance to Victoria Park, Bath, after it had been unveiled by Field-Marshal Lord Allenby.



Our picture shows Sir Charles Batho, the new Lord Mayor of London, photographed at the window of the State chariot during the procession through the City. The Sword of State is seen in front of the Lord Mayor.



Senora Deifilla Viquez has been appointed to the post of consul general of Nicaragua at New Orleans.



The Prince of Undine (centre), who commanded the Italian squadron on the recent visit to Tangier, photographed outside the Italian Legation with a number of officials.



Arturo Alessandri, deported ex-president of Chile who, with a number of other Chileans exiled by the Ibanez government, went to Buenos Aires.



Brilliant scenes marked the wedding of Princess Anne of France and the Duke of Apulia, which was celebrated at the Basilica of San Francesco di Paola, in Naples, Italy. Our



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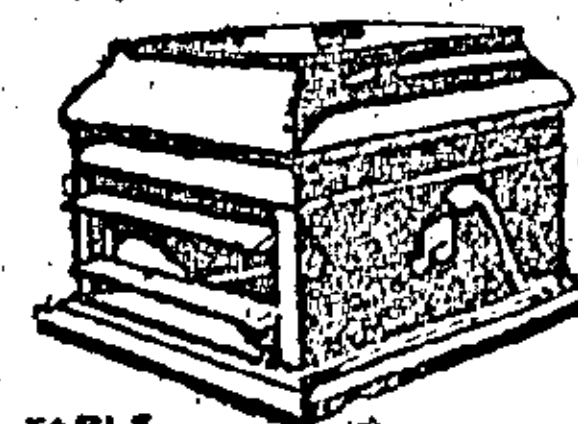
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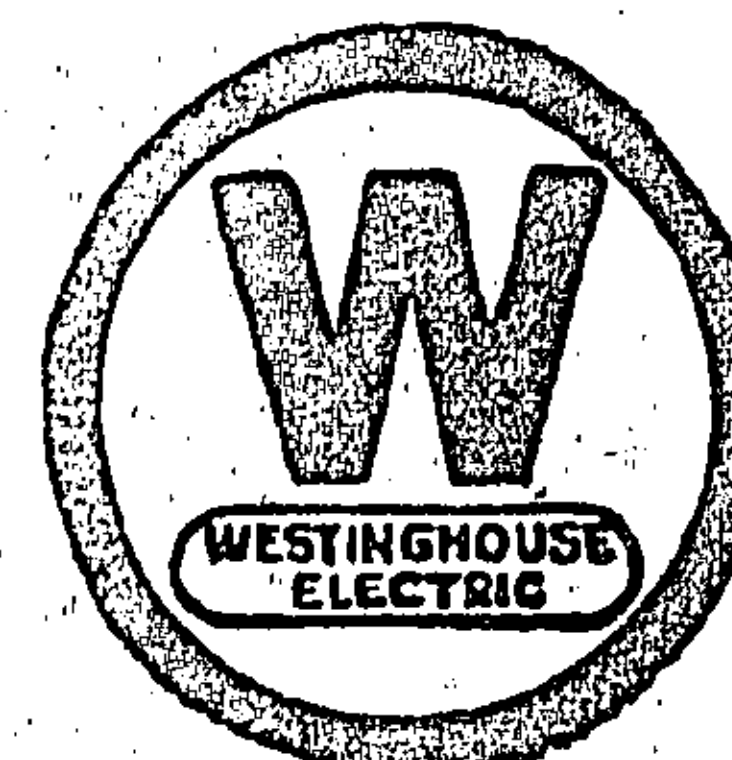
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"REDS" TO QUIT.

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ward the Soviet agents in Peking where negotiations were recently opened for Chang Tso-lin's use of the Russian share of the boxer indemnity for support of the Chinese universities.

How Mandate was Delivered.

The mandate, written by M. Quo Tai-chi, local Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, was delivered to the Soviet Consul-General, Mr. B. Koslovsky, by Dr. K. C. Wu, Chief Secretary to Dr. C. C. Wu, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Samuel Chang, official of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs, at 4.27 p.m. on Thursday.

Dr. Wu and Mr. Chang arrived at the Soviet Consulate and were immediately ushered into the office of the Consul-General, the latter apparently having been notified that they were on the way.

The conversation between the Nationalist representatives and Mr. Koslovsky and the Soviet Vice-Consul, who was also present, was brief and in the English language.

The mandate was formally handed to Mr. Koslovsky by Dr. Wu, who made no comment. Little or no comment was made by the Consul-General, who immediately devoted his attention to the mandate. After 22 minutes the Nationalist representatives emerged from the office. All concerned bowed gravely as the Nationalist representatives took their departure.

Prior to the arrival of Dr. Wu and Mr. Chang, newspapermen calling at the Consulate were informed that Mr. Koslovsky was busy. The same message was given after Dr. Wu had departed.

Closing of Dalbank.

The order to close the Dalbank and Soviet trade organizations will be transmitted to those concerned through the medium of the Provisional Court, it was learned on Thursday afternoon.

The Russian official intimated that the closing of the Dalbank by the Nationalists might result in some difficulty as foreigners have thousands of dollars on deposit in that bank and that the bank has connections with strong foreign banks here and elsewhere.

"You have received no mandate ordering this bank to close its doors?" the official was asked.

"I have not, but possibly Mr. Fromberg has received such a communication," was the reply.

Mr. Quo Tai-chi stated that the Soviet Consul-General was requested to leave Shanghai on the first available steamer. The Consulate Soviet trading organizations and the Dalbank have, or will be given a maximum of 10 days in which to cease functioning, Mr. Quo stated.

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AMERICAN POLITICAL SENSATION.

FOUR SENATORS SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

MEXICAN "SLUSH FUND."

Washington, Dec. 15.

Subpoenas for all telegraph and cable companies in New York to produce for investigation their messages relating to Mexican Government business were issued today by the special senate which is enquiring into charges published in the Hearst newspapers that the Mexican Government raised a slush fund of \$1,215,000 with which to influence four United States senators.

The action was taken after William Randolph Hearst, the publisher, appearing as the first witness, submitted to the committee purported Mexican official documents in which Dudley Field Malone, New York lawyer, was named as the proposed American pay off man for the slush fund.

The documents also disclosed that the four intended recipients of the huge sum, who had been described anonymously in the Hearst newspapers, were Senators Borah, Heflin, LaFollette and Norris.

Senators' Denials.

Immediately after their names had been linked with the alleged intended bribe, Borah, Heflin and LaFollette appeared before the committee and denied that they had received any money or that they had been approached by anyone who might have been interested in offering it.

Malone later took the witness stand and declared that he had no connexion with the project.

Senator Norris, who is ill, denied from his sick bed any knowledge of the slush fund.

Borah, who is chairman of the foreign relations committee, was named in the documents as destined to receive \$500,000; Heflin \$350,000, LaFollette, and Norris probably the remainder, or \$350,000. All four senators have been actively interested in Mexican affairs and, except on some occasions, have disagreed with the Mexican policies of the Coolidge administration.

No Money Paid.

Hearst, in submitting the documents to the committee, said that although he had many reasons to think that they came from the official files of the Mexican Government and were authentic, he did not believe that any money had been paid.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, Democratic floor leader, declared that in his judgment "there isn't anyone who would think that the senators received or would receive one dollar for any action touching their service."

Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, chairman of the investigating committee, added that there was no evidence that any senator received money from the sources named.

Although Hearst gave the committee secretary the name of a business man in Mexico who was principally responsible for having procured the documents, he said that Miguel Avila, formerly of the intelligence service of the American army, extracted the documents from their files in Mexico City. Both the Mexican government and Mexican Consul General Elias, in New York, denied this after the latter had examined the documents, saying that they were utter forgeries.

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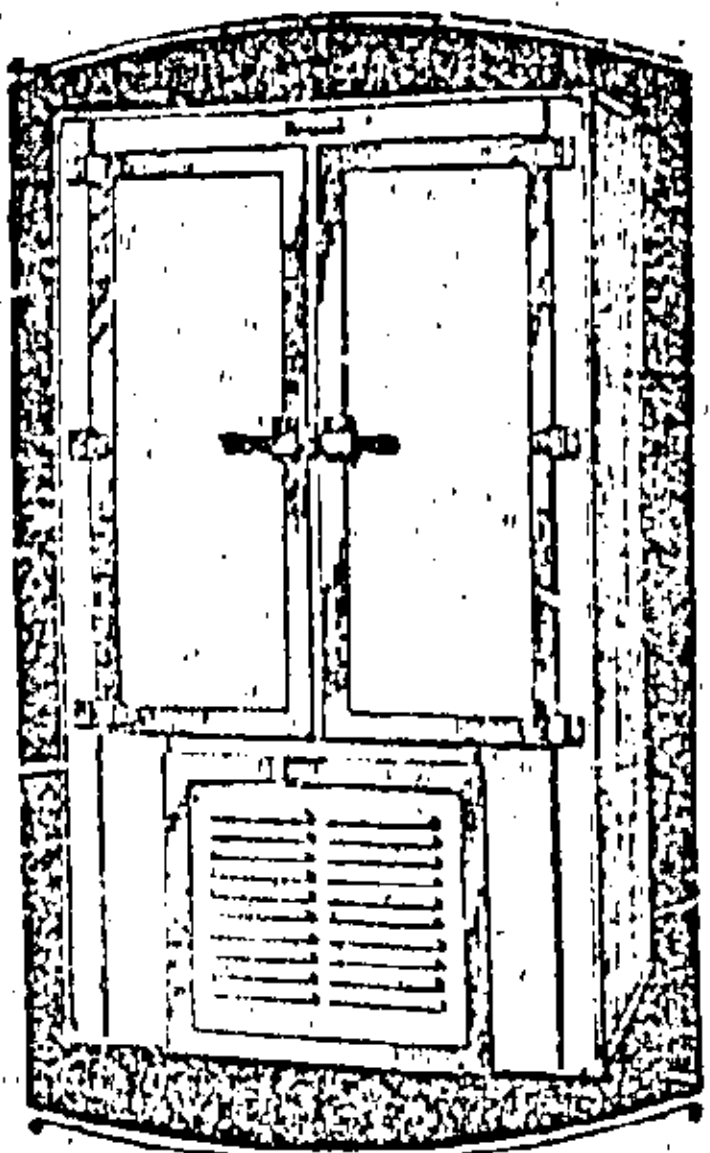
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RIDDLE OF GLOZEL "FIND"

EXPERTS EXAMINE ALLEGED
RELICS PREHISTORIC FIND.

DIVIDED VIEWS.

The international commission investigating the alleged prehistoric finds at Glozel has examined the objects which were discovered by Dr. Morlet and young Mr. Fradin during the past three years (says the *Daily Chronicle* special correspondent at Paris.) There are nearly 3,500 specimens.

First they inspected the finds in M. Fradin's "museum" at Glozel. Returning to Vichy they viewed Dr. Morlet's collection.

The commission's report will not be ready for about three weeks.

Articles unearthed by the commission are:—One bone needle, three pebbles, one stone engraved with the head of a reindeer, one idol in red clay, one bone pendant or button, one engraved brick, and one ring or schist.

No member of the commission has expressed any opinion regarding the genuineness of these articles.

All are maintaining a Trappist silence, but the battle of the bones and bricks goes on fiercely in the Press.

Some newspapers maintain that the finds made by the commission really amount to a complete victory for the Glozelites' theory that prehistoric man could read and write, and that civilisation dawned not on the Pamir Plateau but on the moors of Auvergne.

Ancient or Modern.

Discoveries by the commission really mean nothing of the sort. Four questions have yet to be answered—1. Is Farmer Fradin's field the site of a prehistoric cemetery or temple? 2. Were the articles put there at a comparatively recent date? 3. Are they genuine or faked? 4. If genuine, to what age do they belong?

On these questions the commission has not yet even indicated its thoughts, nor will they be known until its report is published.

Finds Reported Genuine.

In spite of the fact that the International Commission charged with examination of the Glozel finds is reported to have come to the unanimous conclusion that they are genuine, numerous French anthropologists and archaeologists remain excessively sceptical.

Even if they are genuine, they are considered to be by no means revolutionary.

One French member of the Institute des Inscriptions suggested that a few of the objects were genuine, but others, in his opinion, were false.

Civilisation Born in the West.

The decision of the International Commission on the Glozel discoveries, that the objects found authentic, and that the signs scratched on the tablets are a form of writing, revolutionises the whole science of pre-history, says a *Reuter* message.

It means that civilisation, which, for all practical purposes, may be identified with a knowledge of reading and writing, existed several thousand years before the date hitherto ascribed to the first alphabet by archaeologists.

Professor Reinach conjectures that it is possible that the inhabitants of Glozel used a system of writing current in pre-historic times, and which had its birth in Western Europe. Gradually it found its way eastward, and served as a model for the Mediterranean peoples, being adopted finally with alterations by the Phœnicians. This theory would tend to show that civilisation originated not in the East, but in the West.

PERUVIAN DEBT.

LOWER HOUSE PASSES
REFUNDING MEASURE.

New York, Dec. 19. The bankers, Messrs. Doremus Company, announce that the Peruvian Lower House have already passed the Bill for refunding the Republic's entire external debt, and the Senate is expected to ratify the measure to-day, in which case Messrs. Doremus and Company have agreed to purchase the securities of the Peruvian National loan to the extent of \$50,000,000 and to offer them to the United States and Europe within a few days.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DUTCH SOCIALISTS.

JAN OUDEGEEST ELECTED
AS LEADER.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19. M. Jan Oudegeest has been elected President of the Dutch Social Democratic Party in succession to M. Polak, who has resigned on account of deafness.—*Reuter.*

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

MODERN DIET FREED OF
BLAME FOR CANCER.

WORLD-WIDE EXPERIENCE.

The adherence of the notion that cancer in the human race is due to the modern diet and that the disease would disappear if all of us were to return to primitive methods of living commonly support their views by the citation of general impressions.

The answer to their claims comes in a series of articles published in various portions of the world relative to the incidence of cancer among primitive people.

For instance, Dr. M. J. A. Deslignieres reports the incidence of the disease among the people of South Africa. He found 291 cases of tumours among 13,170 patients. Macleod found 141 cases in 10,000 native patients. In Ceylon the rate for cancer of the mouth is high.

Investigation in Java. In Java, Wieberdink found that cancer occurs one and a half times more frequently in women than in men and that the percentage of tumours among the people was about the same as is found in European hospitals. There were proportionately not so many cases of cancer of the stomach among the internal female organs as occurred among European people.

Many patients suffering with tumours die in tropical countries of pneumonia, malaria, dysentery or hookworm. These diseases carry them off at a premature age. Cancer is seldom noted in relation to the cause of death.

Frequent in Africa. A report from the gold coast of Africa indicates frequent appearance of malignant growths among the African natives, and E. B. Vedder found records of malignant tumours not infrequently among the Filipinos; indeed a figure higher than that for Americans.

He pointed out that excessive meat consumption cannot be regarded as a causative factor in the development of cancer in the Filipinos, because the diet is mainly vegetable and consists largely of rice.

The savages of Hawaii, Philippine Islands and similar Pacific Islands, not infrequently have cancer of the mouth due to the influence of chronic irritation from the chewing of betel-nut.



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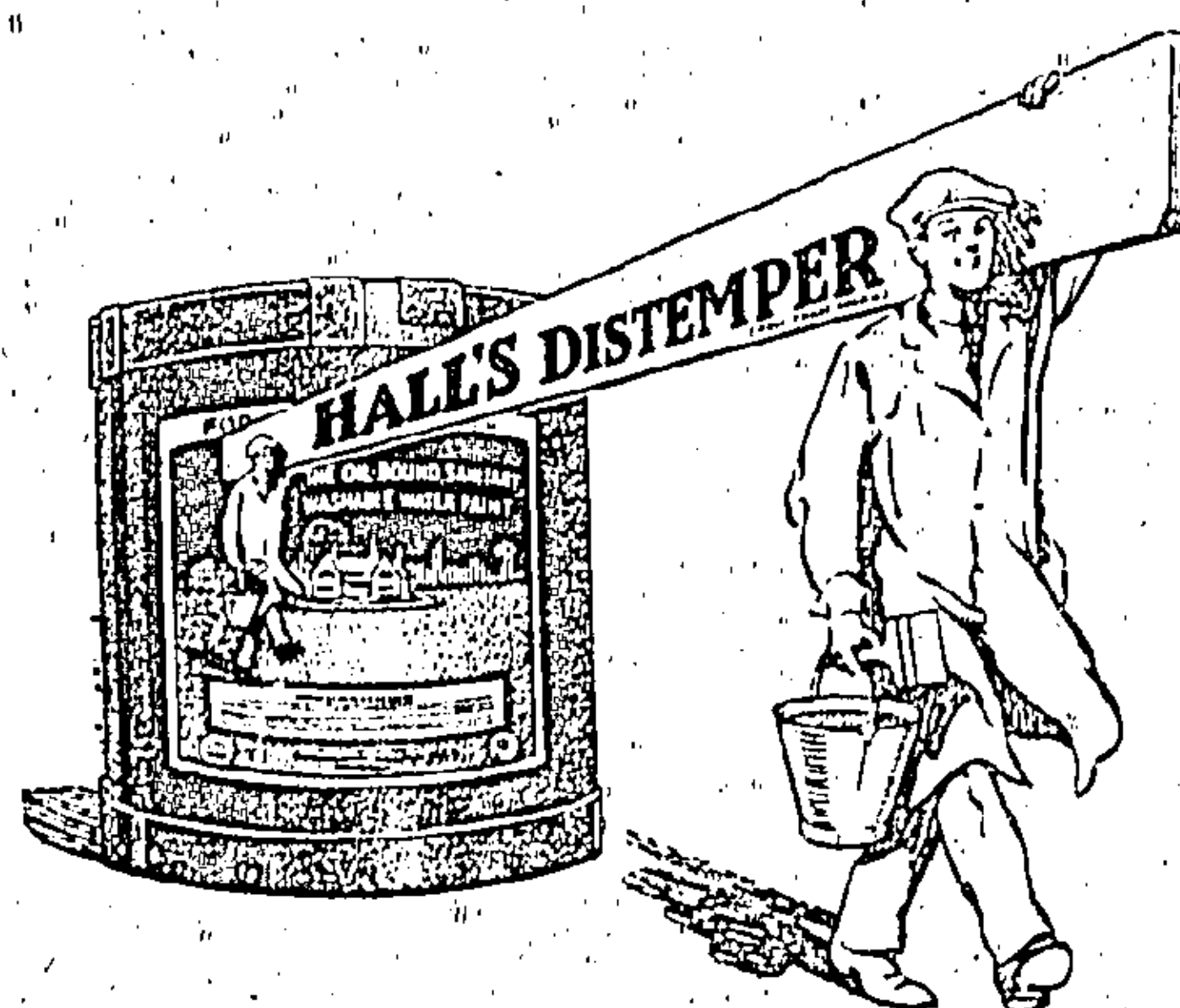
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OSCAR SLATER RELEASED.

CASE MAY GO TO COURT OF
APPEAL.

Sir John Gilmore, questioned by Colonel Day in the House of Commons recently as to whether in releasing Oscar Slater he proposed to set up an inquiry into the evidence produced at the trial, said that had the conviction in this case taken place after October 31, 1926, he would have had power to submit questions to the Court of Criminal Appeal under the provisions of Section 16 of the Criminal Appeals (Scotland) Act, 1926.

If he could obtain from Parliament the legislation necessary to extend the Act so as to enable him to refer this case under the provisions mentioned, he was prepared to take that course.

A single clause bill would be all that would be necessary, but at this stage of the session he could not hope to get it, unless the House would pass the measure by general consent and without discussion.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald—In the unfortunate state in which the case has been left, would it be possible for very special efforts to be made for the passing of this Bill?

The Secretary for Scotland—So far as the Government are concerned, we would welcome the course suggested.

Mr. Naylor asked whether it was intended that compensation should be given for wrongful imprisonment.

No answer was returned.

Story of Prison Life.

"I am so happy," said Oscar Slater, in the course of an interview with the *Daily Record*, "Even yet I can hardly realise that I am a free man. Just think of it—over 18 years have I been confined in Peterhead!"

"But now I am happy," he continued, "and I look to the future with the thought that I will enjoy the remainder of my days."

"No doubt people will be wondering if I am to be allowed to stay in this country. Certainly I am, and, in the near future, I will see if there is no way of establishing my innocence for a crime about which I know nothing."

"As you can guess, everything I see is new to me, of at least strange. For over 18 years I have seen little or nothing of people dressed other than in convict clothes or the uniform of a warder. In fact, these clothes I wear seem strange and unbecoming, so used have I become to the convict dress."

"My first meal outside of prison was just a few minutes ago, and included in that menu was fish. I remarked to the waiter I have not seen or tasted fish, nor smelt the cooking of it for over 15 years. When I was first incarcerated, I was given fish at the time of certain Jewish festivals, but gradually it disappeared from my food. How delicious it tasted!"

"Often, during the long years, I have dreamed of my day of release; and, at the vision of it, a vision rising in front of me in the quiet of my cell, I pictured myself overcome with excitement. And yet, when the day came, I think—outwardly at least—I did not show any signs of the happiness which came to me."

Working to the Last.

"But, inwardly, I was trembling, and that night, in my cell in the quiet and darkness, my nerves gave away, and I tossed on my bed all through the long night hours. And so it was on each succeeding night. Sleep would not come to me. The sweat broke out on my brow, and my whole body trembled. God, but how 'happy' I was!"

"I was not told when I would be set free. I knew it must be soon. But how soon? That was the question that hammered through my brain. Every minute seemed an hour, every hour a day. And the warders kept me at my work. I was still to them, Oscar Slater, the 'lifer.'"

"At the time, I thought it was cruel. But now I think that, if such were possible, the duties assigned to me made the time of waiting pass on wings less laden. Even up to eleven o'clock to-day, I was working in the quarries, and I was breaking stones."

Slater's plans for the future are at present indefinite. In truth, he does not yet know what he is going to do. "For the next few days," he said, "I will endeavour to hide myself and sleep."

"Naturally, I cannot go in detail at present into the harrowing experience of my life in prison. That would take too long. I can only say this, from some experience, God help the man who ever finds himself in such a predicament as I was."

THE CENTENARY OF NAVARINO.

LAST MONTH'S HISTORIC
CELEBRATIONS.

The Navarino centenary celebrations, both in Greece and London, were attended by descendants of those who fought in the battle or in the Greek War of Independence. After Lord Burnham had opened a commemorative exhibition at the Greek Legation the Greek Minister proceeded to the library, where he decorated the flag of Admiral Codrington slain in H.M.S. Asia with the Greek War Cross of the First Class, by order of the President of the Greek Republic. Lieutenant-General Sir Alfred, Codrington (who had lent the flag) was unable to be present as he was at Navarino representing Great Britain, and his son, Colonel Codrington (great-grandson of the Admiral) thanked the President and the Minister for the kind thought. The medal would remain where it had been placed on the flag and it would be a great pride and honour to his father to look after it. Colonel Codrington again spoke for his father at a dinner over which Lord Beauchamp presided as chairman of the Anglo-Hellenic League. He said that Sir Alfred Codrington had sailed into Navarino Bay in one of his Majesty's ships just as his grandfather had sailed into the bay 100 years ago, and thus had fulfilled the ambition of his life. The tables at this dinner were decorated with streamers and flowers of the colours of the two countries; and each guest was presented with a reprint from *The Times* of November 12, 1827, containing dispatches from Admiral Codrington describing the battle of Navarino.

From Codrington to Cleon.

Some of the relics which were being exhibited at the Greek Legation until November 11 are full of interest. There are the uniform with the scars of service worn by Admiral Codrington during the battle; round shot fired into the Asia; the telescope and sword of Commander Bathurst; the sword of the Captain of the Turkish flagship taken by Captain John Ommaney, of H.M.S. Albion, and a card-table made from the wood of the Turkish flagship. Byron relics include his sword and pistol, locks from his hair, and his dispatch box, a quaint affair like a large jewel box; many portraits of him, including the rare one with a helmet, were also shown. The portraits of Greek heroes are attractive; a set of the famous Spartan family, Mavromichalis, most of whom fell during the struggle 1821-1829, in a notable line of gallant-looking men. There are many portraits and battle pictures and a curious set of old transfer plates covering incidents in the War of Independence. A smaller exhibition, arranged in the Museum of the Public Record Office, consists of a few specimens of the mass of documents relating to Navarino preserved in the Office. Perhaps the most generally interesting is a pencil panorama of the Bay, drawn the day after the battle by Second Lieutenant Thomas Fynmore, of the Royal Marines, who was on board H.M.S. Asia. As this drawing is eight or nine feet long, it cannot be fully unrolled, but is so folded as to display the south entrance to the harbour with the Turkish fort. Both the panorama and the chart of the bay printed in 1830 from surveys in 1823 possess a further attraction for readers of *Thucydides*, since Navarino was the classical Pylos, and the Sphacteria of Cleon's exploit comes into the modern story.



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Regulations) held on Tuesday,
13th. December:—

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stantables R. 65 Lo Mang Tsai, R. 70
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Hong, R. 77 Pan Hon Yin.

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R. 75 Ip Ping Chi.

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With Pauline Starke as his mys-
terious blonde pal, Walker robs
safes in jewellers' stores, eludes
capture by invading a dentist's
office, imprisoning the dentist and
pretending to work over an
unconscious man in the dental
chair while a detective looks on.

Again he invades a society musk-
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fabulously valuable diamond neck-
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loot, only after Pauline shoots one
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These adventures are enacted as
a story told by a young author at-
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NEW DANCE.

"KINKAJOU" POPULAR IN LONDON.

London, Nov. 23.
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after the tree-bear, and embodying
a Turkey-like strut, has been in-
troduced from America and
promises to become popular says
the *Westminster Gazette* because
it is devoid of the jungle element.
It has a novel rhythm, with
simple steps which can be danced
to fox-trot tunes. It consists of
staccato walking steps on the
ball of the foot, with the knees
swinging and bending, then a run
of three steps in double time. The
turn is accomplished by a series
of rocking steps.

Other steps consist of the
promenade slide, and the
cross-step, crossing the left foot
over the right and then the right
over the left foot.

LETTER GOLF.

LOST YOUR MIND YET?

From WORDS such as these to
CRAZY isn't such a long jump.
But the handicapper is generous
and has set the hole at par nine.

WORDS

CRAZY

1—The idea of letter golf is

to change one word to another

and do it in as few a number

of strokes, thus to change

COW TO HEN, in three

strokes, COW, HOW, HEW,

HEN.

2—You can change only one

letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete

word, of common usage, for

each jump. Slang words and

abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters can

not be changed.

One solution is printed on

another page of this issue.

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE LAST DAYS OF POMPEII" TO-DAY.

"Lord Lytton's famous story,
"The Last Days of Pompeii" comes
to the World Theatre to-day as the
feature attraction until Saturday.
This picture cost £100,000 to make
and took a year to complete.

The tremendous climax in this
film where the city of Pompeii is
destroyed, will remain in the
memory for many a long day.
Never have there been such awe-
inspiring scenes in a picture as
are to be seen in this film with
Vesuvius erupting and raining fire
and lava over the city, great
palaces being razed to the ground
and the multitude fleeing in terror.

Splendid as are the preceding
scenes in the film, the last two
reels are extremely thrilling. It
is difficult to describe in mere
words the magnificent drama in
these concluding reels, and the
brilliantly coloured "shots" of
Vesuvius erupting and Pompeii
being destroyed would alone make
this picture a tremendous
attraction. "The Last Days of
Pompeii" is in no way a mere
spectacle, for it has more story
than any other picture of this
character.

"ROCKING MOON."

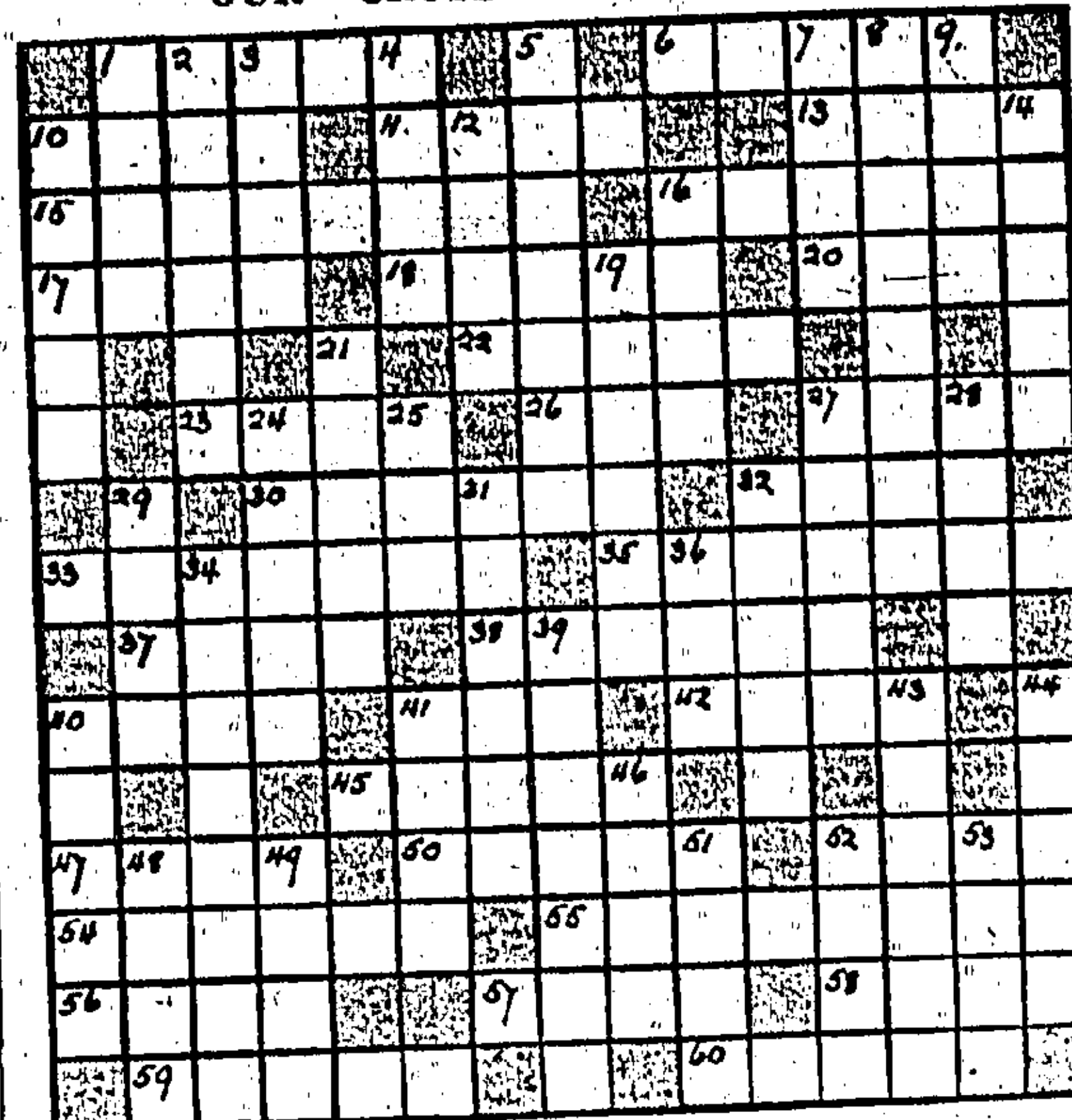
AN ALASKAN FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

Presenting a new Alaska to the
screen, "Rocking Moon," a fine pic-
ture based on Barrett Wiloughby's
successful novel, will be the at-
traction at the Queen's Theatre to-
day and to-morrow.

The story of "Rocking Moon" is
refreshing in that it presents an
absorbing romance in which a
young girl, who owns a large fox
farm, wages a battle of wits to
thwart fox poachers. It moves
with a fast and even tempo and
discloses some of the most beau-
tiful scenes ever reflected on the
screen. There are thrills aplenty
in the action.

The players have been ideally
cast. Lilyan Tashman, John
Dowers, Rockcliffe Fellowes and
Laska Winter in the leading roles
make their work outstanding by
the artistry of their performance.
Luke Cosgrave, Eugene Pallette and
Evelyn Selbie each lend a distinc-
tive touch to the production. The
Alaskan scenes are beautiful, the
story one of impelling interest and
the acting is quite equal to that in
the regular run of motion pictures.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Thread.
- 6 Blessedness.
- 10 Salver.
- 11 Metal.
- 13 Manufacture.
- 15 One who impedes.
- 16 Intricate.
- 17 Sweetly smelling flower.
- 18 Boat.
- 20 Wise.
- 22 Article of furniture.
- 23 Sign of the Zodiac.
- 26 Regret.
- 27 Order of a judge.
- 30 Bodies of insects.
- 32 Composer of metrical composi-
tion.
- 33 Place of learning.
- 35 Jurisdiction of an earl.
- 37 Filled with roe.
- 38 Pronounced imperfectly.
- 40 Sarcasm attack.
- 41 Members of a certain sex.
- 42 Try.
- 45 Shrink.
- 47 Chinese denomination of money.
- 50 Quiet.
- 52 Species of ancient dramatic
entertainment.
- 54 Notorious.
- 55 Articles of food.
- 56 Require.
- 57 Baptismal vessel.
- 58 Put on.
- 59 Well skilled.
- 60 Remove faults from.

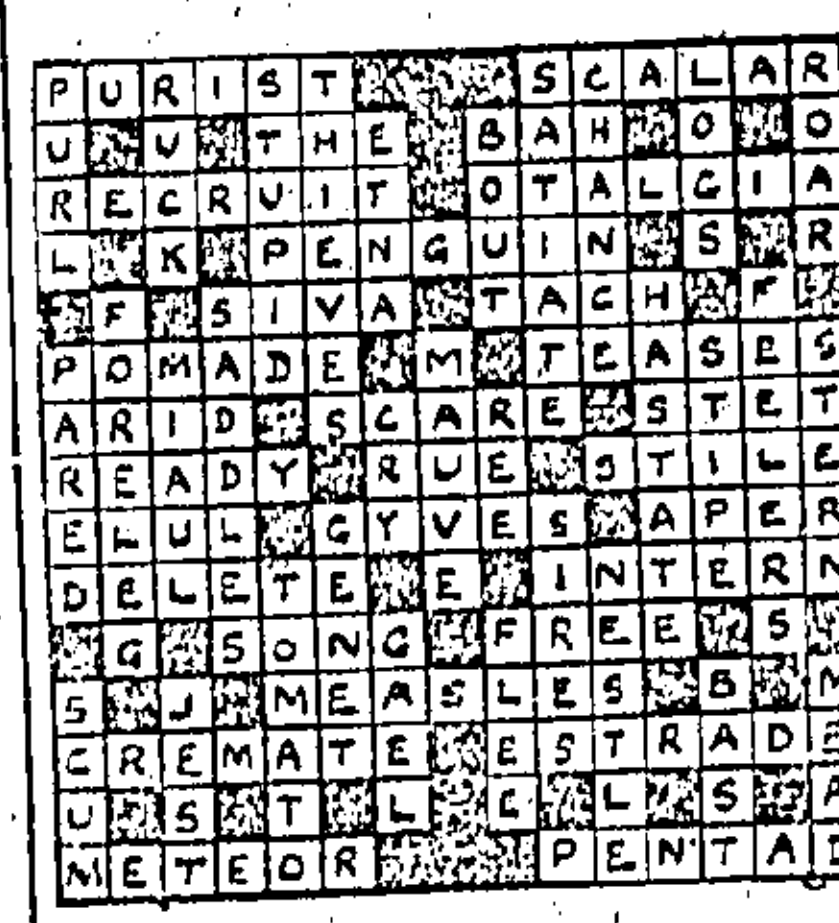
Down.

- 1 Three united.
- 2 Earnest penny.
- 3 Town in the Isle of Wight.
- 4 Scotch dagger.
- 5 Part of the arm.
- 7 Mischievous children.
- 8 Paid a stipend to.
- 9 Afterpart of a ship's keel.

End of a weaver's web.

- 12 Schism.
- 14 Put in action.
- 16 Unemployed.
- 19 Injuries.
- 21 Disseminated.
- 24 Small lake.
- 25 Small horse.
- 27 Inclosures for sheep.
- 28 Molecule.
- 29 Prong.
- 31 Comply.
- 32 Trim with the beak.
- 34 Hung about.
- 36 Suitable.
- 39 Fore-tooth.
- 40 The devil.
- 41 Watery vapour.
- 43 Ancient triangular lyre.
- 44 Squeeze.
- 46 Unhesitating dash.
- 48 Sunken space before a window.
- 49 Load.
- 51 Stringed musical instrument.
- 52 Created.
- 53 Repair.

Yesterday's Puzzle.



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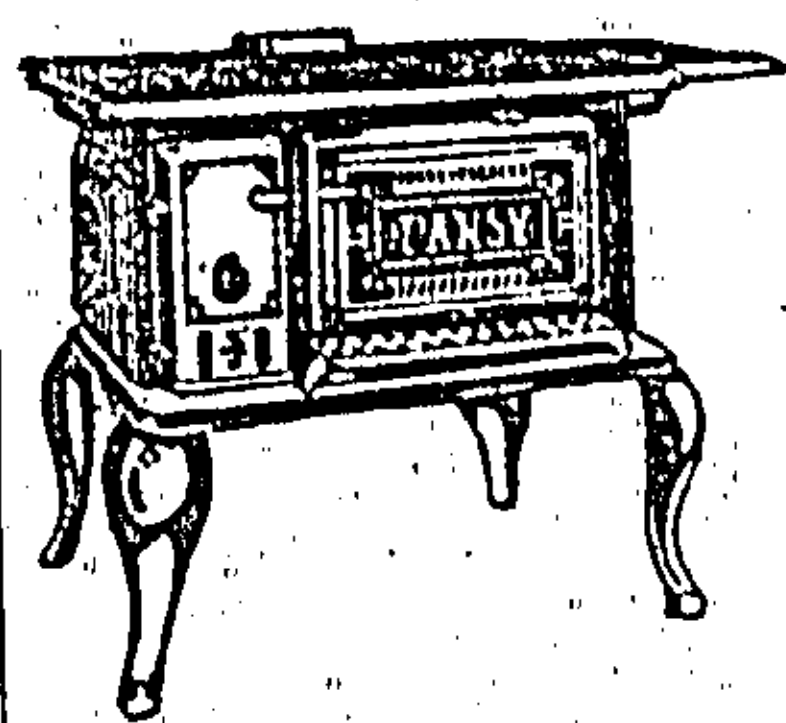
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Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20, 1927.

LEASES IN THE CONCESSIONS.

In some quarters, there appears to have been considerable misapprehension regarding the precise significance of the White Paper recently issued concerning Crown leases in the British Concessions in China. The fact that the British Government had determined to assign these leases to the existing lessees, without payment, was interpreted by some as meaning that Britain was giving up her rights in the various concessions in China, or, at least, that the action was a preliminary step towards that end. Actually, however, the arrangement that has been come to is merely one between the Government and the several lot-holders in the Concessions, whereby the former will no longer occupy the role of ground landlord, this being effected by a surrender of the remainder of such leases as have as yet not expired.

To understand the position clearly, it should be borne in mind that Britain holds its various Concessions in China on lease in perpetuity, and that she will continue so to hold them until such time as the Treaties conferring the rights have been either abrogated or revised. As the holder of the Concessions, the British Government has from time to time leased property therein, for specified periods, to various individuals and firms, and, as the ground landlord, has charged Crown rent to the lessees. It is these leases which the Government now intends to cancel—for that is in reality what the decision means—and the lot-holders will thus be left in possession of their property, without paying any ground rent, for so long as Britain holds the Concessions. At one time, the Government contemplated the outright sale of the leases to the lot-holders, from which a sum of £400,000 would have been secured, but this idea has now been abandoned in favour of a free assignment of the leases—presumably because the Government could not give any guarantee of tenure. The practical effect of the decision is to convert the properties from leasehold to freehold, but, of course, only for such time as Britain's rights in the Concessions are maintained. It is, however,

to be presumed that in the event of Britain surrendering her rights, some Treaty stipulation would be made regarding the future position of the lot-holders. As the period for which Britain leased many of those lots has not yet expired, and as the lots were purchased on the understanding that the leases would run their full course, it would be obviously unreasonable to expect lot-holders to surrender their properties to, say, the Chinese authorities without compensation in the event of Britain surrendering her Concession rights in the interim.

In brief, what the British Government has decided to forego is its position as ground landlord, with the rights of collecting rent attaching thereto. To continue its old status would be to imply the Government's right to guarantee tenancy for specified years ahead, and, in view of recent declarations of policy, this is precisely what the Government feels it ought not and cannot do. In the circumstances, the Government's decision appears quite reasonable, but, all the same, we do trust that if eventually the status of the Concessions is changed, the lot-holders will not be left entirely to their own resources.

Christmas Weather.

It looks as though the folk at Home are going to be favoured with a "really" "old-fashioned Christmas" in the matter of weather. A British Wireless message yesterday reported that London was experiencing nineteen degrees of frost and that snow had fallen in many parts of the country. The weather predictions were that the cold spell would continue at least until after the holiday. There are few of us here who have not known the "joys" of a snowy Christmas at Home when the traditional mantle of snow over the countryside has made all the exterior and merrier the festivities within doors, and when Father Christmas has had real snow upon his cloak as well as the cotton wool and tinsel of toy manufacturers. But there are many of us who now think of snow and frost (and the damp and fogs as well) with much misgiving after our spell of life in the warmer Far East. If we take last Sunday as an example, surely there is much cause for thankfulness in the fact that we here can spend a day in December out in the warm sunshine with the thermometer just over the 70 mark. It is one thing to dwell upon the picturesque idea of snow and frost at Christmas but it is, we suggest, a much more tangible pleasure to enjoy the glorious winter weather with which this Colony is favoured. And so we find some compensation for our separation from the family circle of Home. During the few remaining days there will be all the usual shopping bustle and preparation—a great part itself of the spirit which goes to make up the festival. And while we ought here shall have our thoughts with those at Home and shall be making our own preparations for the holiday, the tremendous progress which is being made in the realm of radio and television and suchlike marvels, the time may not be far distant when there will be much common and united celebration with the greater interchange of messages and pictures. The world is becoming smaller every year.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Dec. 19.

Paris	124
Brussels	34.90
Amsterdam	12.07
Berlin	20.43
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.57
Helsingfors	19.37
Lisbon	27.16
Bucharest	790
Buenos Aires	474
Shanghai	2.74
Yokohama	1/10.23/32
New York	4.88 7/32
Geneva	25.28
Milan	69.16/18
Stockholm	18.07
Oslo	16.44
Prague	29.25
Madrid	30.3
Athens	5.29/82
Rio	1/5.7/84
Bombay	2.11/13
Hongkong	26.11/13
Silver (spot)	26.9/10
Silver (forward)	26.9/10

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

IT IS NOT WORK THAT KILLS MEN: IT IS WORRY. WORRY IS RUST UPON THE BLADE.—Henry Ward Beecher.

The weather forecast issued to-day states:—"N.E. winds, moderate; fine."

The P. and O. s.s. Macedonia, from Hongkong, arrived at London on 16th December at 7 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. Devanha, which left Singapore at noon yesterday, is due here at 9 a.m. on the 24th instant.

The last mail from the U.S. prior to Christmas, arrived yesterday in s.s. President Garfield, consisting of 334 bags.

The friends of Mr. E. R. Price, of the staff of the *China Mail*, will regret to hear that he underwent an urgent operation for appendicitis at the French Hospital this morning.

A Chinese employed as an earth coolie in Morrison Hill was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday suffering from injuries to his shoulder, caused by a rock falling on him.

We have received from Messrs. Reiss, Massey and Co., Ltd., a copy of the 1928 calendar issued by the Westinghouse Electric International Co. for whom they are sole distributors for Hongkong and South China.

The manager of the National Army and Air Force Institute reported to the police yesterday that on Sunday last some person stole from the canteen in Mount Austin Barracks, money and cigarettes valued at \$48.

The s.s. Anjou, Tai Lee, and Wing On, returning yesterday from the West River, state that conditions remain quiet and that no trouble has arisen as between the local unions and the crews newly engaged here.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 13 arrivals and 14 departures, with the only two British entries both registering ballast only. There remained in harbour at 9 a.m. this morning 71 vessels of which 26 were British.

The following ships are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—Soochow, Helenus, Chenoneaux, Kashgar, Devanha, Tilaway, Sunning, Derflinger, Daviken, Sandvik, Anhui, Archer, Calulu, Cermer, Songhai, Hangsang, Ramer, Tjmanock, Bingo Maru, Menado Maru, Koshun Maru, Kumsang.

CHRISTIE AND BLUHM.

IN COURT AGAIN TO-DAY.

James Christie and Christopher Bluhm were again produced before Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court, this morning, as defendants on a new charge of criminal conspiracy to extort money from the Police Reservist, Au Yeung.

His Worship remanded the new charge for hearing at 2.15 on Thursday afternoon.

Mr. J. A. Gordon Leask (for the defence): I ask your Worship to grant bail.

His Worship fixed this at \$1,000 for each accused.

Mr. Gordon Leask: I would point out that the first accused, Christie, is only on one charge, and the maximum penalty is \$250; or six months' hard labour.

His Worship: Yes, or six months' hard labour.

Mr. Leask still regarded the amount as being unduly heavy. He suggested a reduction to \$500 in Christie's case, while agreeing that \$1,000 was not heavy in the case of Bluhm who had to answer the further charge of not being in possession of valid passports.

His Worship in confirming the amount of the bail he had fixed, pointed out that it was only a very short remand. His Worship, however, promised to reconsider the application when the charge had come up for its first hearing.

Mr. Leask: The second defendant Bluhm has also another charge of, not being in possession of valid passports. Is that before your Worship as well?

Mr. T. H. King (prosecuting): Mr. Lindsell will take it.

The question was referred to Mr. Lindsell in the other Court, and later appearing again before Major C. Willson, Mr. Leask stated that Mr. Lindsell had said that the passport charge would be transferred to the new charge sheet and that both charges would then be heard before Major Willson, on Thursday.

Major Willson: I remand the passport charge until Thursday afternoon at 2.15, and then it will stand. The bail in the other case will cover this.

Mr. Gordon Leask: That is bail of \$1,000?

His Worship: Yes.

TRAFFIC CASES.

MANY OFFENDERS IN COURT.

Twenty-five summonses for various breaches of the traffic regulations were heard before Major C. Willson at the Central Magistracy this morning. They were principally concerned with speeding, negligent driving and offences by public drivers in Pedder Street.

Yip Ping-koon, the owner-driver of car No. 1900, was summoned for excessive speeding at Bonham Road on the 6th instant, and, in reply, he stated that he was hurrying to the pharmacist's to get a medicinal compound for his mother who had fallen sick and who had to have the services of Dr. Anderson.

A traffic-sergeant stated that defendant was speeding at a speed of between 30 to 35 miles an hour.

His Worship stated he believed defendant's story, but pointed out that the safety of pedestrians had also to be considered. His Worship imposed a fine of \$10.

Lorry Drivers Fined.

Another owner-driver, Lam Chun-wah, was fined \$15 for speeding, on admitting the offence. The driver of a lorry, No. 1902, was summoned for negligent driving.

Sergeant Tucker said that the defendant was, at the time in question, turning into the Praya East from Landale Street. His speed was 10 miles an hour and he narrowly missed witness who was driving his motor-cycle.

A fine of \$15 was imposed. For a similar breach of the traffic rules, another lorry driver (No. 1907), was also fined \$15.

The Chinese driver of public car No. 263 admitted having driven in a dangerous manner at Pokfulam Road, on the 12th instant. It was stated that he passed an Aberdeen bus, and left very little room for a police motor-cyclist, coming from the opposite direction, to pass.

Defendant was fined \$10.

An ambitious Chinese learner-driver who endeavoured to negotiate the steep gradient of Western Street, was brought before the Court and charged with lacking a driving licence.

Inspector Alexander viewed the offence as serious. An additional point against the defendant was that Western Street was closed to motorists.

Defendant was fined \$6.

A Double Offence.

Summoned for the double offence of driving on the wrong side of the road and for failing to show his public-driver's badge, a public car driver admitted also that the car in question, No. 136, was not his own. There were two previous convictions against the same driver, and he was fined \$5 on each of the present summonses.

Appearing as complainant in a summons against a Chinese driver, for dangerous driving and for a breach of the conditions of his learner's licence, Revenue Officer A. Grimmit stated that defendant gave no heed of where he was going.

On the day in question, witness was proceeding from his house at Wanchai Road. He encountered defendant who had come up from behind another car and to prevent a head-on collision, witness was compelled to jam his brakes very sharply. Defendant had been going along at between 30 and 40 miles an hour, and, after the incident, escaped from witness by going up a side-street. He was, however, followed back on to the Praya, where he abandoned his vehicle and ran away.

On the charge of dangerous driving, defendant was fined \$20, and for driving in an area not included in his learner's licence, a further fine of \$5 was imposed.

A number of drivers who were arrested in Pedder Street were amongst the traffic offenders fined this morning. Amongst the summonses were those relating to obstruction, loitering, accosting passengers, or failing to show the number badges such as are required to be worn by public drivers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—"Science and Health" page 47, states: "To the Science healer, sickness is a dream from which the patient needs to be awakened."

Will the last writer on this subject tell us

(1) How many of these healers went to the Front to awake our gallant soldiers from their horrible "dreams?"

(2) Was not the whole work left to infidel doctors?

(3) How is it that these "healers" are not attached to every hospital?

(4) Are the hospital authorities foolish not to employ them?—Yours, etc.,

CERAMIC.

Hongkong, 19th Dec. 1927.

The Very Idea!

At the end of the eighth round the badly bruised boxer told his second that he could go on no longer. The second objected. "But," pleaded the boxer, "I can hardly see 'im."

"Never mind," said the second, "I 'im from memory."

While the palatial home of Mrs. William Penn Snyder at Pittsburg, was closed during the summer months, a gang of boys broke in and sold \$25,000 worth of furnishings to junk men. They wrecked a \$15,000 pipe organ and sold the metal as junk.

North London wife of her husband: He has been to the dogs every night, and you cannot do that on nothing.

Bookmaker at Highgate: You say you saw me receive a betting slip? Policeman: I did. Bookmaker: I did not see you. Policeman: I saw that.

Man at Marylebone: I want advice about a copper, sir. Mr. Bingley, magistrate: A policeman, do you mean? Man: No, sir. A washing copper. Magistrate: Oh! A real copper.

Willesden woman: My husband deserted me yesterday. Magistrate: How do you know he won't come back? Woman: Because he left his latchkey on the table.

Midland miner: I go to work seven days a week, and Saturdays and Sundays, and all the lot.

Man at Bow County Court of a mumbbling witness: If he is going to tell the truth for once he might let us hear it.

Joshua Caetano, aged thirty-five, an Indian, was fined forty shillings at Lambeth Police Court for professing to tell fortunes by palmistry.

Mr. Roath, looking at a chart found in Caetano's possession, asked: "I see one item reads, 'You are very loving.' How is it indicated? Look at the gauler's hand."

Caetano took Gaoler Reid's hand and pointed out a line.

Mr. Roath: Is it very marked in the gauler's hand?—No.

Canada is a great country for those willing to work.—Rev. A. Turner.

No nation can thrive which neglects its agricultural industry.—Captain E. A. Fitzroy, M.P.

There is nothing that improves you so much as being up against somebody a little better than yourself.—Sir Douglas Hogg.

Great Britain will shortly assume the leadership in an international campaign for the development of markets for the benefit of the Empire.—Mr. Amery.

"People turn pale when they faint, don't they?" asked a barrister who was cross-examining and badgering a witness.

"No, not always."

"Did you ever hear of a case of fainting where the party did not turn pale?"—"Yes."

"Did you ever see such a case?"—"Yes."

"When?"

"About a year ago."

"Who was it?"

"A negro."

Sandy, who had been convinced of spiritualism, was put in touch with a friend who had "passed over."

The friend said he had been transferred to a Better Place. "However," he added, "we have to work here, you know, just as you have to work on the earth. Eight hours a day!"

Much interested, Sandy got into communication with another friend, who confessed he had arrived at another destination.

"All the same," he said, "things are not bad here. Lots of old pals."

"Do you have to work?" inquired Sandy.

"Oh, yes," came the reply. "A little. About twenty minutes a day does it."

"What! Only twenty minutes? Why, mon, in the other place they have to do eight hours a day."

"Ah, yes," came the reply, "but down here it's all over in no time. Think of the crowd!"

THE WEEK'S HEALTH.

A LIGHT RETURN.

Last week's health return shows that there were five cases of diphtheria reported (two fatal), the sufferers being one Portuguese and four Chinese. There were two non-fatal cases of typhoid fever, one being British (imported) and one Chinese. One fatal case each of cerebro-spinal fever, puerperal fever and influenza completed the list. There was one rabid dog.

Yesterday there was one Chinese case of typhoid fever reported.

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION THIS MORNING.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

As usual, on the occasion of the annual prize-giving in connexion with the Kowloon Junior British School, Gun Club Hill, there was a large attendance of parents and friends at the school this morning, when Mrs. E. Cock distributed prizes won by pupils during the past year. Those present included Mr. A. E. Wood, Director of Education, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wylie, Mr. G. F. Nightingale, and the Rev. J. Hoare Johnston, in addition to the headmistress, Miss M. Cooper, B.A., and the school staff.

The Annual Report.

The annual report, read by the Headmistress, stated:

Attendance.—The average attendance for the year is 83, as compared with 88 in 1926. The highest recorded attendance during the year was 100. In this connexion I should like to draw the attention of the parents to the fact that attendance on Saturday mornings is compulsory, except in case of sickness. A few children stay away and so hinder their own work and the work of the class.

Staff.—On March 1st, Miss Roberts left to be married in South America. She had been in charge of Class 7 for three years, and had done excellent work. Mrs. Macdonald was transferred from King's College to take her place. Miss Grant went on long leave in March and Mrs. Hooper and Miss George in April. Mrs. Woodward and Mrs. Boyd were appointed in April. In May, Mrs. Macdonald was transferred to Queen's College and Mrs. Langley took over her work in Class 8. Miss Jacques came as visiting Games Mistress when Miss Dyer went on leave in May. Class 7 and 8 have suffered especially from the many changes in staff.

Medical Inspection.—Dr. Minett inspected us three times during the year and her report was satisfactory. Some minor defects were reported and the parents notified.

Visits.—During the course of the year, Mr. Wood, the Director of Education, Mr. Ralphs, Mr. de Martin, and members of the Board of Education inspected the school and the school buildings. In February, Miss Benham gave us an interesting account of her travels in South Africa.

School Buildings.—In February, the Military Authorities re-estimated the playground. A new kindergarten room has been built by the P. W. D. which accommodates 32 children. Additional lavatories have also been constructed.

Examinations.—The results of the Royal Drawing Society's Examination are as follows:—19 pupils passed in the Preparatory Division, 5 with honours. One pupil passed in division one, 11 pupils have qualified to pass on to the Central British School on the results of the examination held this month.

General.—We owe thanks to the Kowloon Dock for the loan of flags, to Mr. Forsyth, who personally superintends the decorations, and to Mr. Walton Rogers for the use of chairs. In conclusion I must thank the staff for their loyalty and devotion to duty throughout the year.

Children's Concert.

Following the report the customary entertainment was given by the pupils and was much enjoyed. It was obvious that the teachers had spared no effort to perfect the children in their actions, pronunciation and singing, and the result was highly pleasing, especially when it is remembered that the age limit for the school is ten years. The tea party scene, Class 7, from "Alice in Wonderland" was exceptionally well done and was taken part in by Pamela Rundell (Alice), Joan Langley (the dormouse), Rosabelle Nish (the March hare) and Teddy Malm (the mad hatter). In addition there were Christmas carols, songs, dances and recitations. The details of the programme were:—Christmas Carol, "A Child This Day is Born," all Classes.

Recitations: "Town," "Country," "Daddy," "A Penny to Spend," "Grannie," Class 10. Song: "The House That Jack Built," Class 9. Dance: "Growing Flowers," Classes 7 and 8. "The Pedlar's Caravan," Class 8. "J'ai Un Petit Chien Charmant," "Trompe Ton Pain, Marie," Classes 7 and 8. Games: "Bobby Bingo," "Winding the Ball," Class 10. Song: "Sweet Nightingale," Classes 7 and 8. Dance: "Princes and Princesses," Classes 7 and 8. French Action Song: "En Passant Par La Lorraine," Class 7.

The Prize Winners.

Mrs. Cock then handed prizes to the following:—

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PUBLIC MONEY.

INTERESTING VOTES FOR THURSDAY.

COST OF EXECUTION.

A meeting of the Legislative Council is convened for Thursday afternoon, when the main business will be the second readings of the four Bills which were introduced on Thursday last.

At the meeting of the Finance Committee which will follow, votes amounting to \$90,500 will be presented. Among the more important are:—

Stolen Clocks.

In asking for \$400 for the Supreme Court as incidental expenses, it is explained that owing to the theft of two clocks, two new clocks are being purchased at the cost of \$70. Interpreters' fees and the cost of transferring the telephone exchange from the Crown Solicitor's office to the General Office make up the balance.

Passage Money.

The large sum of \$50,000, is asked for on account of the transportation of Government servants and it is explained that "the cost of this service (put at \$150,000 in the Estimates) has been underestimated.—The vote is practically exhausted now and it is expected that a further sum of \$50,000 will be required to meet Crown Agents' Accounts for the last quarter of the current year. The vote for 1928 has been increased to \$200,000.

More Stationary.

The sum of \$12,000 is asked for on account of Government stationery in addition to the \$60,000 provided in the Estimates. It is explained that stationery requirements vary considerably from year to year and it is difficult to form an accurate estimate for this service. In 1926 expenditure was a little over \$50,000 as against an estimate of \$70,000. It is now anticipated that a further vote of \$12,000 will be required to meet the current year's expenditure.

More Gael Prisoners.

In addition to the \$90,000 provided in the estimates for subsistence to prisoners under the Prison Department, the further sum of \$5,500 is requested, the simple explanation being that the extra vote "is due to the high number of prisoners."

A further \$100 is also asked for by the same Department on account of photographs, more copies being required by the police and there being more prisoners.

A New Safe.

The Public Works Department asks for \$230 to pay for a new safe for use in the Accounts and Stores Sub-Department, Warehouse Stores, Public Works Department. The safe has already been purchased through the Crown Agents, the cost having been met from Unallocated Stores (Suspense) Account. Provision was not made in current year's estimates for this expenditure. The above is to be met from savings.

Executioner's Fees.

An extra \$400 is requested on account of Executioner's fees in the Prison. The sum originally provided was \$200 but a further \$500 was voted some time ago. An additional \$400 is now asked for, it being explained that the excess is due to an unusually large number of executions during 1927. The sum is to be met from savings.

Purchase of Opium.

The sum of \$20,000 is asked for by the Imports and Exports Office to assist in defraying the cost of raw opium, it being stated that the deficiency is due to the drop in exchange the original dollar amount being calculated at 2/2d.

MARINE COURT.

"FINE" CHRISTMAS TREES.

At the Marine Court this morning before Commr. G. F. Hole, Lau Yau, master of a passenger boat, was charged with carrying goods other than passenger's luggage, to wit, Christmas trees, in contravention of the terms of his license.

Defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 with the alternative of five days imprisonment.

Ma Cheung Long, an unemployed coolie of Chekiang, was charged with boarding a.s. Szechuan without permission of the commanding officer and pleading guilty, was fined \$14 with the alternative of two weeks imprisonment. Being without funds, the accused was committed to goal.

TWO NEW SHIPS FOR MANILA.

HONGKONG DOCKS SUBMIT TENDERS.

TO COST PESOS 450,000.

The Manila Railroad Company is to build two new and bigger ships which it expects soon to place in service, replacing two of the three boats it is operating for the south division line, according to Mr. Jose Paez, general manager of the company, in a statement to the Manila Bulletin.

For the construction of the two new vessels, the railroad will be called upon to make an investment of about Pesos 450,000. Mr. Paez said. Two bids already have been submitted to the company by two Hongkong shipbuilders, the Tai Koo Dock and Engineering Company Ltd. and the Kowloon Dock Company, but in view of change of specifications in the plans, being considered by railroad officials, new bids will have to be called for.

The new ships will be of 600 net ton capacity each and will replace the Bicol and the Samar. The Bicol is plying between Pasacao and Lagnunao. The new vessel on this run will be utilized principally for the transportation of freight for the railroad. The substitute for the S.S. Samar will be used for passenger and freight and as a feeder to the Hongkaga-Manila line.

The placing of two new boats naturally is expected not only to improve the service in the south line but railroad officials are confident that it will make the water transportation service profitable, which it never has been.

"We are trying hard to make our service both efficient and up to date," Mr. Paez said. "We desire to provide comfort and safety for our customers."

The company will scrap the Samar and the Bicol as soon as the new ships are ready. Mr. Paez thinks they can be finished before the end of next year and will be pressed into service soon thereafter.

LATVIANS ARRESTED.

ALLEGED ESPIONAGE FOR RUSSIA.

Riga, Dec. 19.

The police have arrested seventeen Latvians, who are charged with membership of an espionage organisation to supply Russia with comprehensive military information.

The arrested men were largely supplied with money, and some of them admitted that this was provided by the Moscow authorities.

NEW TREATY.

BETWEEN BRITAIN AND IRAK.

London, Dec. 19.

The Premier announced in the House of Commons that a new Treaty had been signed on behalf of His Majesty's Government with Iraq, and that it was proposed to lay the text before Parliament tomorrow.—British Wireless.

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SHASI INCIDENT.

B. AND S. TUG RAIDED.

THE LALOR BANDITS?

Scarcely more than 24 hours after the tardy release of Captain W. G. Lalor, master of the Batterfield and Swire upriver steamer Shiang-tan, from the hands of bandit pirates who took Lalor captive and held him to ransom, another, or perhaps the same, gang of bandits swooped down upon a British tug, belonging to the same company, which was anchored in the vicinity of Shasi, on Tuesday last, in an attempt to take captive another foreigner. They failed to find any foreign officer and carried off two Chinese members of the crew, commanding one of the tow-boats attached to the tug for the purpose, says the Shanghai Times.

British naval authorities on the spot were informed of the incident and immediately took steps to effect the release of the captives and of the tow-boat.

The above report was received in Shanghai by wireless and gave only the briefest details. It stated that the tug, with two tow-boats attached, was anchored in the vicinity of Shasi when the bandit gang appeared, some 50 strong, and immediately swarmed over. They immediately took the tug and its companion vessels, demanding the surrender of the foreign captain who, however, was not forthcoming.

Take-Up Pursuit.

In their anger at thus being balked of a foreign captive the bandits shot the commander of the tug, wounding him in the thigh. They then turned their attention to the tug and looked it of a quantity of clothing and other property. Apparently, from the reports received, they came in sampans but left in one of the tow-boats which they cut adrift from the tug.

As soon as they had left, a message was conveyed to the British naval commander some few miles away on a gunboat. The latter immediately sent an armed guard in a launch in search of the bandits. A visit was first paid to the tug and the remaining tow-boat but none of the bandits had remained on board and, being given the direction of their departure, the naval patrol set out in pursuit and after a hurried search came upon the band in some distance downstream.

The bluejackets immediately went into action and met with considerable resistance from the armed bandits, the reports state. The difficulties of landing, however, prevented the rescue party from getting within range of the main body of the band which successfully got away with the two captives who were afterwards found to be the Chinese captain of the tug and the engineer.

Bandit Captured.

A portion of the band turned and fought the bluejackets in an effort to allow the main party to get safely away. The British naval party succeeded, however, in taking prisoner one of the bandits who was found to be in possession of some clothing looted from the tug. He is to be sent to Hankow for trial. No details were sent of the casualties on either side, if any.

Prior to this incident another bandit attack was experienced on Monday about 30 miles below Shasi when a party of about 60 bandits seized two tugs belonging to the Chenwan Company, a Chinese concern. No details as to this affair were given in any of the dispatches emanating from the Yangtze.

DISTILLER CHARGED.

BAIL FIXED AT \$1,000.

Lau Sin, master of the "See Li" Woo Distillery, of To Kwa Wan, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on charges of (1) unlawfully working his stills at 3.15 a.m. on Sunday, (2) storing 29 jars of intoxicating liquor elsewhere than in a securely locked spirit store, (3) permitting the fermentation of three wooden vats and four kongs of molasses mash elsewhere than in a building constructed to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, and (4) having in his possession on his licensed premises 37½ jars of manufactured or prepared liquor.

A boat woman was charged together with the master of the distillery, the allegations against her being that she did aid and abet in the preparation of the liquor.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the two defendants and applied for a date to be fixed.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, who prosecuted, raised no objections and Friday, December 30th, was provisionally allotted for the hearing. The first defendant was remanded on \$1,000 bail and second defendant on \$25.

DOUBLE FATALITY AT MANILA.

GAS FUMES ON A SHIP.

BRAVE RESCUE EFFORTS.

What is believed to have been carbon monoxide gas, collected on the greasy interior of a coconut oil tank on the forepeak of the steamer Fairfield City, caused the instant death of two sailors and nearly claimed three other victims at Manila last Friday.

Jock Murrin, oiler, and Amillo Da Silva able seaman, both of the Fairfield City, are dead. Murrin entered the tank in the bow of the vessel with equipment for scraping the oil from the walls and floor. Two other sailors watching over the side of the tank saw Murrin collapse as he reached the bottom. They notified the chief officer who immediately issued orders to stand away from the tank and run for a gas mask.

During the absence of the chief officer, Da Silva climbed to the bottom of the tank in an attempt to rescue his companion. He proved himself a hero at the cost of his life. Hardly had he reached the bottom when he shouted for help. A rope was thrown to him but as he attempted to reach for it he too fell to the floor dead.

By this time the chief officer had returned to the scene with a gas mask. J. M. Kissenger, assistant engineer on the Fairfield City, donned the mask and made an heroic attempt to rescue the bodies of his two dead companions. The gas mask was faulty and Kissenger was almost suffocated from the poisonous gas before he could be hauled to the top of the tank by a rope which was tied about his body.

An attempt made to enter the death chamber with a gas mask borrowed from the President Jackson likewise almost claimed the life of H. S. Cable, chief engineer on the vessel. He was in the tank less than a minute when he signalled to be hauled to the top. He reached the deck in a semi-conscious condition.

All hands were on deck and a large crowd of spectators had gathered on the Fairfield City by this time. Many suggestions were made but no others volunteered to risk their lives until Dr. R. Abriol of the Philippine Quarantine service arrived. After being informed of what had taken place he hesitatingly offered his life. He attached a new canister to his gas mask and lowered himself to the bottom of the tank. Like those who had preceded him, before reaching the bodies, he fainted and was hauled to the surface.

Officers of the Fairfield City, realizing that the men at the bottom of the tank were dead and that it was useless for others to risk their lives, ordered the deck cleared of spectators and waited for the gas to clear from the bottom of the tank. At 2.30 p.m. a caged bird was lowered into the tank and at the termination of six minutes was still alive. Without a mask, the chief officer descended the ladder twice, returning each time with a body on his shoulder.

The bodies were removed to the city morgue where they are being prepared for shipment to New York, the place where both men embarked as apprentice seamen.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 16 of this issue.

- 1 Who has just assumed the title of Lord Cusheendun of Cushendun?
- 2 What disconcerting event in the history of religion has recently occurred in Canada?
- 3 What was "Gideon's Army," referred to by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald in describing the newest phase of Labour politics?
- 4 Who was Genghis Khan, the reported discoverer of whose tomb (since denied) aroused so much interest?
- 5 Who is the new chairman of the London Midland and Scottish Railway?
- 6 Which is the smallest Republic in Europe?
- 7 What is the estimated average income of the people of Great Britain and the United States respectively?
- 8 What great geographical discovery has just been made in the Far East?
- 9 Who was Tamerlane, to whom frequent references have recently been made in the newspaper?
- 10 What famous discovery for the relief of pain was made, eighty years ago last month, and who made it?
- 11 Who is Princess Anne of France, at whose wedding forty royalties were present?
- 12 What is known as "the Altar of the Empire"?

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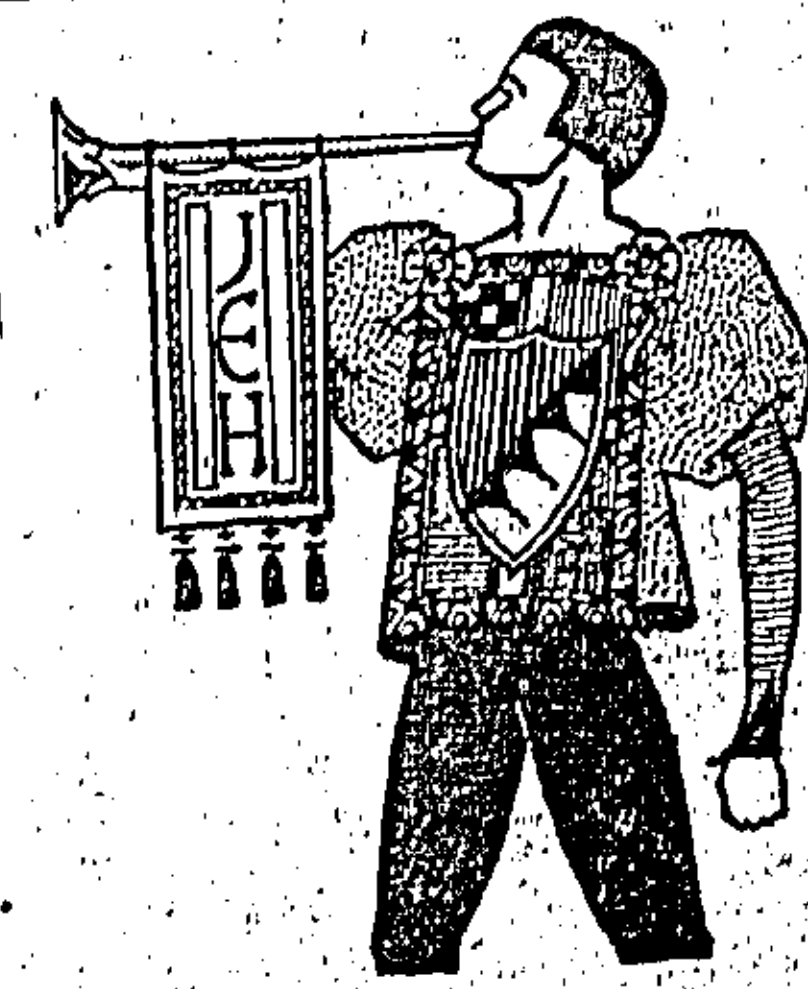
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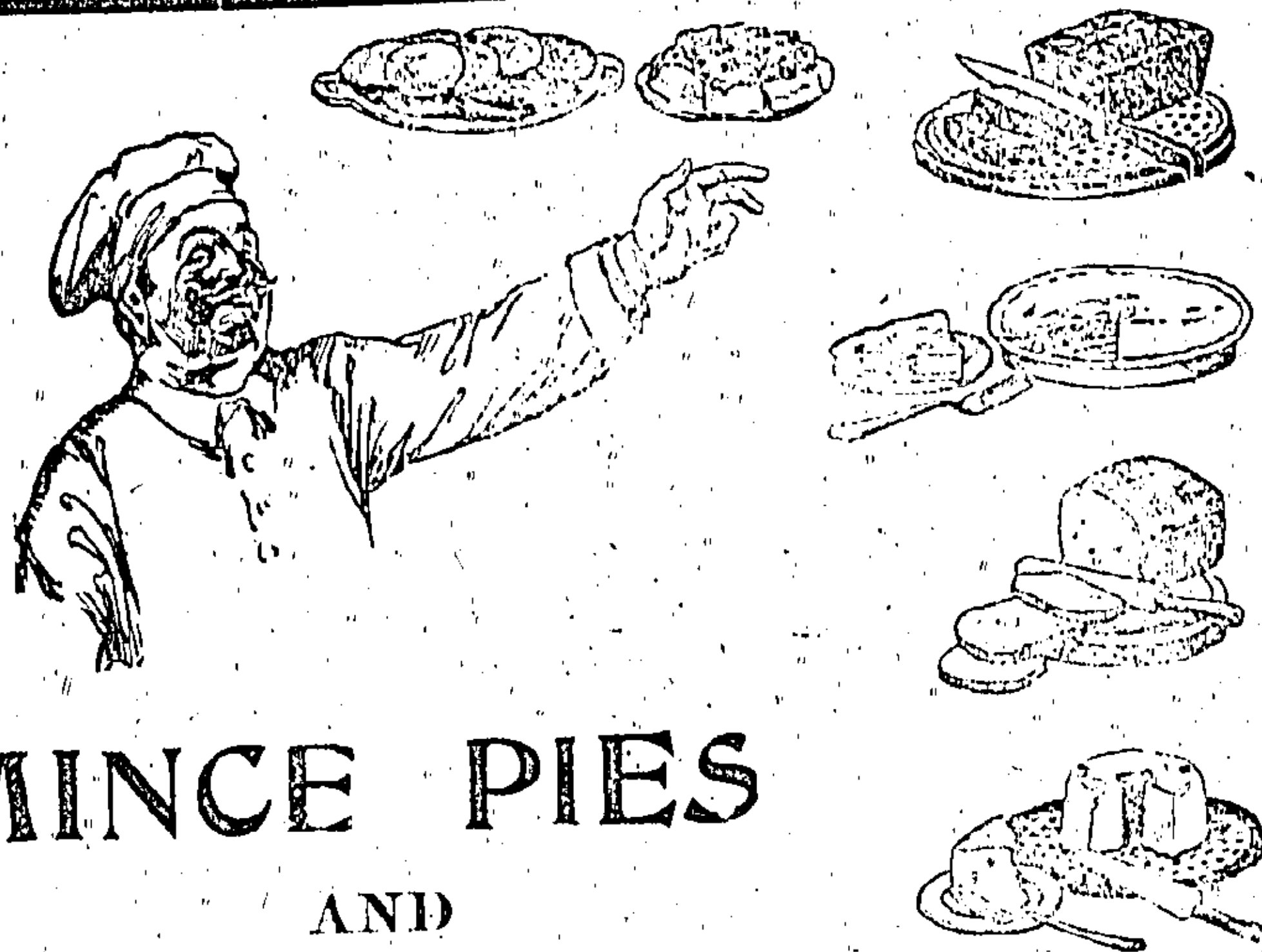
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In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Derby	v. Birmingham.
Sheffield U.	v. Bolton W.
DIVISION II.	
Fulham	v. Blackpool.
Leeds	v. Stoke.
DIVISION III. (SOUTH).	
Newport	v. Southend.
Plymouth	v. Crystal P.
DIVISION III. (NORTH).	
Bradford	v. Chesterfield.
Halifax	v. Wrexham.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Clyde	v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v. St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v. Hearts.

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Bradford	v. Chesterfield.
Halifax	v. Wrexham.
Clyde	v. St. Mirren.
Hamilton	v. St. Johnstone.
Kilmarnock	v. Hearts.

M.C.C. TOUR.

MATCH WITH TRANSVAAL
DRAWN.

Johannesburg, Dec. 19.

A feature of the match between the M. C. C. tourists and Transvaal, which was left drawn, was the bowling of Vincent who dismissed nine Englishmen for less than ten runs per wicket. Scores:

M.C.C., 129 and 360 (for 9 wickets declared).

Transvaal: 199 and 183 (for three wickets).

In the M. C. C. first innings, Nipen and Vincent caused all the damage, the former taking five wickets for 68 runs and the latter four for 16. Vincent was the most successful bowler in the second innings, taking five wickets for 78 runs. Towards the M.C.C. total of 360, Hammond, the Gloucester batsman, scored 132.

Against Transvaal, in the first innings, Geary took six wickets for 75 runs.—*Reuter.*

TROTSKY GETS A FLOGGING.

HUNDREDS OF OFFICERS
ARRESTED.

BIG SOVIET SPLIT.

London, Nov. 22.

The Paris correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph newsagency reports that recently Trotsky and his associates, Preobrajenski and Smilga, were flogged until they bled.

The flogging was ordered by Stalin. M. Radek, another of the deposed Communist leaders, was imprisoned, but later released on undertaking not to speak in public.

A Riga message states that Madame Trotsky is facing poverty. She has lost her position of chairwoman of the Scientific Department, over which she had presided for years, and is now no longer the leader of "red" society.

Trotsky and Zinoviev are now in hiding.

A merciless weeding-out is proceeding in the Red army.

Hundreds of officers who were partisans of Trotsky and high officials of the O.G.P.U. who revealed secrets to Trotsky, have been arrested.

Kamenoff, another opponent of Stalin, while speaking at the Communist conference, was howled down but managed to interject that Communism was heading to the abyss.

Stalin's followers retorted: "The abyss is yawning for you, not us, O prophet."

When Stalin's followers shouted down M. Rakovsky, former Soviet Ambassador in Paris, in the presence of visiting foreign Communists, Rakovsky said to the latter, "Now you see what sort of democracy exists in Russia."

The struggle between Stalin and the opposition is intensifying, says the Riga correspondent of the Times. The former's threats of prison are answered by threats of counter-violence. A paper was thrown on the platform of the Communist Conference inscribed "The time is coming when we shall strangle and shoot you followers of Stalin." The Soviet poet-laureate, M. Breznev, complains that Stalin's opponents threaten to murder him unless he stops lampooning them.

DEAD SEA SALTS CONCESSION.

QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS.

London, Dec. 19.

In the House of Commons, the Undersecretary for the Colonies was asked whether, in view of the great value and extensive interests concerned in the Dead Sea concession, the Government would take measures for forming an independent British company on the lines of a chartered company for working out this concession.

Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that in view of the terms of the Mandate for Palestine and the Covenant of the League of Nations it was not practicable to adopt the suggestion.

Asked whether there was any possibility of the Dead Sea salts being handed over to German interests, Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that in the negotiations an endeavour was being made to arrange that any concessionaire should not enter into an agreement with any one of the three big monopolies without the concurrence of the Government. But it was very difficult to sell an article of that kind in the world's market without some form of agreement with existing organisations.

Asked if the concessionaires were not supported almost entirely by British capital, Mr. Ormsby Gore said he understood they were supported by quite independent capital not in any way connected with any of the present potash concerns.

A further question was put as to when Mr. Novomeysky formally applied for the concession and what were his qualifications, and Mr. Ormsby Gore replied that Novomeysky made his first formal application to the High Commissioner for Palestine, who reported it to the Colonial Secretary in July, 1921. The High Commissioner also reported that Novomeysky had since 1911 been working on the question of the extraction of salts from the waters of the Dead Sea. He understood that Novomeysky was a member of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgy as well as being scientifically qualified.

Asked if Novomeysky had ever been an official in Soviet Russia, Mr. Ormsby Gore answered that he was not even aware that Novomeysky had any Russian connections whatever. He understood his parents were Polish but he was Palestinian and he was not aware that he had had any Russian connections since he went to Palestine.—*British Wireless.*

HAUL OF REVOLVERS.

CHINESE CONSTABLE AS
DEFENDANT.

Mr. M. K. Lo appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning representing a Chinese constable who is charged with being in possession of forty Smith and Wesson revolvers and 1,089 rounds of ammunition without a permit from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

It will be recalled that on December 8th, the police effected the arrest of two coolies on the waterfront, who were carrying between them a packing case containing the arms mentioned above. These two coolies were this morning charged in conjunction with the defendant.

Prior to the hearing of the case, Sergeant Whant, prosecuting, proposed that the two coolies be discharged and that their evidence be taken by the Court, after which he would ask his Worship to grant a remand for one week as there was a possibility of making a further arrest in regard to the haul.

Mr. Lo objected to this course, as he thought it was fair either to adjourn the case altogether or to carry on with it, there and then.

His Worship reminded Mr. Lo that the course suggested by Sergeant Whant, namely, to hear part of the case, was practised daily.

Mr. Lo said that he had no objection to the case proceeding piecemeal if the police were prepared to outline their case.

His Worship eventually decided to hear the case and to fix the next hearing at an early date.

The two coolies were then discharged. One of them was called to give evidence and he said he was engaged by another coolie to carry a case from a spot near Hollywood Road to an address in West Point. He said the case was in the street, but he remembered going up a house, where he saw the defendant. The packing case was not in the house but in another part of the same street about twenty cheongs away.

Asked by the Magistrate as to who pointed out the case to him, witness said that he was taken to the place by the coolie who engaged him, as well as by a man whom he thought was the defendant's brother.

In answer to another question by his Worship, witness said that the defendant was dressed in police trousers when witness first met him on the 8th. When witness took the police to the defendant's house on the 10th, he was dressed quite differently.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he was not sure if the defendant said anything at all when he was engaged to carry the case on December 8th.

At this stage the hearing was adjourned until to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. The Magistrate refused the application of Sergeant Whant, who asked for a week's adjournment.

FANLING STEEPLE- CHASE.

THE CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.

The Christmas Handicap, the fourth race at next Saturday's Meeting at Fanling, is as follows:

Easter Day	160
Wild Fellow	160
Moughi	160
Ma Kou Siao	158
James Pigg	158
Humdinger	158
Lock Rannock	156
Deer Hound	156
Blotting Paper	156
Chin Shan	155
More Better	154
The Gomeril	154
Min River	154
Bill Brewer	152
Loongwa	150
Alhambra	150
Red Leaves	150
Race Horse	150
Tarzan	150
Honeymoon	150

FANLING GOLF.

BOGEY POOL RESULT.

There were only eleven cards taken out in the Bogey Pool held at Fanling over the week-end. The pool was won by Mr. A. B. Raworth who returned a card 2 up. The next nearest scores were returned by Mr. F. A. Redmond and Mr. J. L. Shellshear, both 2 down.

DEATH OF AMERICAN GENERAL.

FORMERLY IN THE
PHILIPPINES.

Phoenix, Dec. 14.
Brigadier General Frank Upham Robinson, retired, died here to-day. His Army career included service in the Philippines.

LANCASHIRE COTTON CRISIS.

AN APPEAL FOR FRESH
RESTRICTIONS.

CO-OPERATION WANTED.

London, Dec. 19.

The American Section of the Lancashire cotton spinning industry has drawn attention to a circular sent by the Cotton Yarn Association to the Directors of mills spinning American yarns, which says that six weeks have passed since the Association, by removing restrictions on price and production, allowed unrestrained competition to play havoc. Trade margins have fallen so far that it is now impossible to sell yarns for the ordinary trade at a price showing a profit to any mill, however favourably it might be financed.

The circular contrasts this situation with that favourably ruling during the operation of the Association's policy of curtailment, which proved that standard prices are maintainable and the present losses unnecessary. The circular says that the Association is prepared to end the present chaos immediately if the support of those who have hitherto hindered its efforts is forthcoming. It is not prepared, however, to allow non-members to improve their position at its expense, and the losses being incurred on yarn sold to-day are removable immediately they are prepared to co-operate with their fellow-spinners. Failure to act means that the course is set for bankruptcy.—*Reuter.*

ARMED ROBBERY SEQUEL.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CASE.

Having stated to the Magistrate in the lower Court that he ran away because he saw other people running, a Chinese named Chan Lam pleaded not guilty when charged at the Criminal Sessions this morning before Mr. Justice Wood, with robbery by two or more.

He was arrested in connexion with a robbery at Koshing Street in which six men took part, and was caught, the prosecution alleged, after a long chase by an office coolie in which a detective joined. The Crown also alleged that the man resisted arrest.

The case for the Crown was outlined by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, who stated that the robbery was of the type which is unfortunately very prevalent in this Colony. At about nine o'clock on the night of November 26th, three men entered the Ming Lee shoe and export firm premises, and, after asking a series of more or less idle questions, produced arms and held up the occupants. They were joined by three other men almost immediately.

The occupants, the master, a merchant from Siam, another partner, and several folk, were bound and gagged and placed in a room at the back, while the robbers secured the keys of the safe and ransacked the place.

They had, however, overlooked an office coolie who was working at the back and he escaped through the back way and sought police aid. The robbers had decamped before he again appeared on the scene, but, the coolie who had freed himself from his bonds, saw two of the prisoners walking in the direction of Sutherland Street. One of the two men was the prisoner.

The chase was immediately taken up and one of the robbers disappeared from view, but prisoner was followed through Sutherland Street into Queen's Road West where he was caught by a detective who joined in the chase.

The detective would tell the jury, said Mr. Whyte Smith, that the prisoner resisted arrest when he was caught just opposite the Koshing Theatre, and that he had to knock the man in the back down before he gave up the struggle.

When first charged, prisoner said he knew nothing about the robbery, and afterwards when charged before the Magistrate at the Central Police Court declared that he had just arrived in the Colony from Canton. He ran because he saw other people running and heard police whistles blowing.

Evidence for the prosecution was still being taken when the case was adjourned until this afternoon.

The accountant of the San Yun shop, of No. 257, Des Voeux Road, reported to the police this morning that, during last night, some person managed to break open a show case in the shop and steal therefrom electrical goods to the value of \$48.

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OLD BRANDY SWINDLE.

BOTTLES SMEARED AND
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In a letter to *The Daily Mail* Mr. Charles E. Stambols draws attention to what he describes as the vintage brandy "ramp" in certain dance clubs, restaurants and hotels throughout the country. He declares that to expose the way in which brandy five or six years old is sold as 1865 or some other old vintage, in carefully sooted bottles with impressive labels, would be to do a real service to genuine shippers of authentic Cognac and to the firms who not only distil the spirit but own vineyards in the Cognac district of Charante.

"The towns of Cognac and Jarnac," writes Mr. Stambols, "have hundreds of agents who register their names at the post offices as Cognac merchants and shippers, but the only business that they do is to catch British buyers of brandy as soon as they arrive in the district."

99 Per Cent. Faked.
Mr. Stambols told a *Daily Mail* reporter that nearly 99 per cent. of the so-called vintage brandy that is sold from bottles in restaurants, hotel and dance clubs in England is faked. He continued:

In some cases vintage brandy is mixed with cheap stuff, but mostly the glasses—for which 4s. or 4s. 6d. is charged—contain brandy not more than 10 years old at the most. Bordeaux is the real headquarters of the vintage brandy ramp. There are people there making fortunes out of labels. Often people in this count pay £2 10s. for a bottle of brandy that is worth only 10s. They pay 10s. for the brandy and £2 for the bottle.

The labels on these bottles bear high-sounding names like *Fin Napoleon*—whatever that may mean—and any old date is printed on them. The bottles themselves are carefully smeared with size and then covered with dirt to give them an appearance of great age.

Look at the Label.
There are 25 firms selling genuine vintage brandies and something like 8,000 fakers, including the agents who assist the latter.

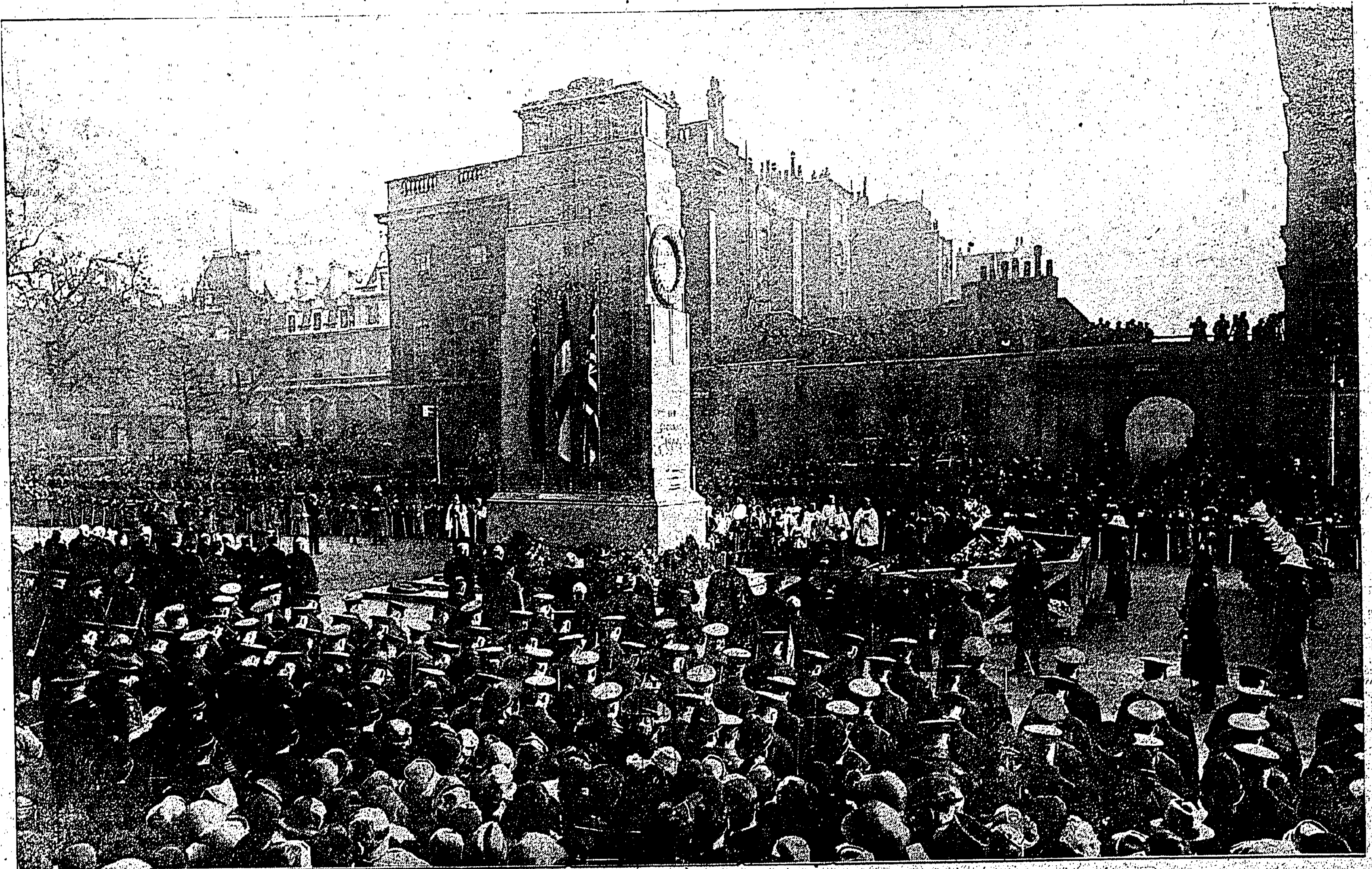
The way to know a genuine bottle of vintage brandy is to look for the labels of the growers and the bottles, and if brandy is drunk in a hotel or a restaurant the customer should insist on seeing the bottle opened.

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ARMISTICE DAY CEREMONY IN WHITEHALL.



The ninth anniversary of Armistice Day was commemorated throughout the Empire on November 11, the main ceremony again being that at the Cenotaph in Whitehall, where a vast concourse, headed by the King and under the simple service celebrated by the Bishop of London. A photograph of the Cenotaph taken from the Home Office during the ceremony.

OUR NEW SERIAL

THE HOUSE OF SIN.

By ALLEN UPWARD.
(Author of "The Yellow Hand,"
"The Ordeal of Fire," etc.)

CHAPTER XXVI

Rosa led the demented woman into the boudoir which they shared in common, and shut the door. The doctor and his companion were waiting outside, not venturing to speak to one another, when a door further down the corridor opened quietly, and Captain Tarleton came towards them.

"Dr. Tarleton!" he exclaimed in a low voice. "You here! I was afraid something might happen in the house to-night after what Palsi said. Have you discovered anything?"

"Everything. There will be no more deaths in Trafford House, I am thankful to say."

And Tarleton related to the amazed young officer the history of the last few minutes; for the whole scene had not taken up a quarter of an hour.

"And now you see," he concluded, "what this brave girl was doing downstairs on that first morning. I thought she was looking for the arrow, or for you. She was really looking for her sister. And it was the knowledge or suspicion that her sister was a murderer that caused her to break off her engagement to you."

The old man wrung the doctor's hand. "I thank you more than I can say. But what will be the next thing? Will it be possible to make her change her mind?"

"Where there is true love all things are possible," answered the older man. "And he gave a sigh which the Captain never understood."

They were interrupted by the appearance of Lady Rosa in the doorway.

"She is in bed" and asleep already," she announced. "Dr. Tarleton, what can I say to you?"

"I will tell you that later on," was the grave answer. "It is for me to speak first, Lady Rosa, you have probably saved my life, at the risk of your own."

The heroic girl opened her eyes in frank astonishment. "Oh, no, doctor, don't say that! You risked your own life to save my poor sister from committing another murder. I ran no risk at all. Agatha is always gentle with me."

Tarleton shook his head with a rather mournful smile. "But, he only asked: 'How did you first come to suspect the truth?'"

Rosa was a little embarrassed. "I don't know whether I shall be doing good or harm, but I feel that I had better tell you everything. To begin with, I am afraid that my sister was fond of Mr. Montacute."

The three men stared at one another.

"She never showed any jealousy of me, I am thankful to say. But I felt sure that she was deeply in love with him, and that it was preying on her mind. It was then that she first began to go in so much for religion. She joined a Sisterhood, and talked of going into a convent."

"Yes, I understand," murmured the specialist.

"The next thing was our father's marriage. That worried her a great deal. She told me that he had married a bad woman, and that it would bring a curse on the house. I could see her becoming stranger and stranger every day. She seemed pleased when Mr. Montacute was forbidden the house; but a few weeks ago she suddenly changed for the worse. I knew she had found out something from the hints she let drop, but she would not tell me what."

"Her Ladyship may have met him on the stairs, as I said," Burrows ventured to put in.

"I expect that was it. At all events, she said things that frightened me about what was going on in the house. She began wandering about at night, and sometimes, when I heard her going out of her room, I used to follow her and persuade her to come to bed again."

Tarleton turned and nodded to the other two. "I guessed that was your errand the other morning," he remarked.

"Yes. Of course I didn't know that anything had happened then. But when I saw the account of Mr. Montacute's death in the paper I put two and two together. Still, I could not bring myself to believe that Agatha had actually killed him. But when Mademoiselle was killed as well, then I felt sure."

"Why was she killed, do you suppose?" asked the doctor.

"I expect because she was an accomplice. I know that my sister regarded her as a very wicked woman, and a disgrace to Trafford House; but I can't say more than that. She was not responsible for her actions, really. I hardly dare tell you what I was afraid of her doing next. She might have taken it into her head to kill anyone—even our father!"

The last words were breathed rather than spoken. The three

men shuddered. And the young girl before them had borne this terrible secret in her bosom, not taking a soul into her confidence, lest it should bring harm to her unhappy sister. Even now she did not seem aware that she had done anything worthy of praise.

Her lover was on the point of breaking down.

"Rosa!" he almost sobbed. "And you never told me anything of this!"

"How could I?" she answered simply. "I could not betray Agatha, any more than I could let you marry the sister of a murderer."

The Captain was about to protest, but Tarleton raised his hand. "Let us say no more about it to-night," he continued. "Mr. Burrows, I think it will be safe if I leave you and Captain Theobald in charge of Lady Agatha for the next few hours, especially as she is asleep. All you have to do is to see that she does not leave her room. Lady Rosa, you will be her best companion if she needs one. I will send in a nurse accustomed to deal with mental cases the first thing in the morning. I am going down now to speak to the Duke before I leave."

He shook hands gravely with all three, not omitting the still agitated steward, and went downstairs.

A low but steady knocking at the Duke of Altringham's bedroom door soon roused the nobleman from his slumbers. He opened the door, with a pale and frightened face, and the investigator followed him into a room well out of hearing of his supposed wife.

There Tarleton related the end of the story from the beginning, while the Duke listened with varying emotions. The news that his elder daughter was a homicidal maniac seemed to age and sober him in a moment, and Tarleton ventured to take advantage of the occasion to utter some words of serious advice.

"It is evidently the best course now to let Mrs. Dunlop leave for Paris, as she wishes, by the first train in the morning," he observed; "and if you will be guided by me, Duke, you will let her remain there. Whether you still wish to make her your wife or not, I hope you will see the impossibility of her coming under the same roof with either of your daughters. Indeed, I shall be surprised if Sir Charles does not make that a condition of hushing up the affair."

The abashed Duke swallowed the pill with meekness.

"I am more indebted to you than I can say, Dr. Tarleton, not only for your services in clearing up this dreadful business, but also for the friendly disposition you have been good enough to show throughout. I won't allude now to any pecuniary recompense, though I shall insist on its being a large one. As for the woman I have looked on as my wife, I don't feel at present as though I could ever see her again without a spectre coming between us. I expect," he added, with some bitterness, "that she will be happy enough in Paris without me, provided she is allowed to retain the title and the settlement. I don't want to disown her publicly."

"That won't be necessary—unless you want to marry again," suggested the other.

His Grace shuddered.

"It will be a very long time first," he said, grimly. "Meanwhile, if you are seeing Beaumont, you can tell him from me that there is not the slightest fear of my daughters ever having to live with their stepmother again. I say daughters, but what about Agatha? Is there any chance of her recovering?"

"Let us hope not," answered the specialist, sombrely.

"Why do you say that, doctor?"

"Because if her Ladyship ever should recover she would have to take her trial for two murders, and be imprisoned in a criminal asylum during his Majesty's pleasure. Even the Home Secretary would hardly dare to save her in that case. The best thing that we can hope for is that she may pass the rest of her days in a convent abroad from which no egress is permitted during life."

And Dr. Tarleton's view prevailed.

A few hours later he was closeted with the head of the Home Office, before whom he laid a report in writing on the whole case. After he had stated the substance of it verbally, and added the Duke of Altringham's message, Sir Charles Beaumont enclosed the document in an envelope, which he sealed with his own hand.

"You may tell the Duke that I have ordered your report to be placed on the secret file," he said, and rang the bell for his confidential clerk.

By means of the well-known banknote trick, two Chinese succeeded in robbing a woman in Yaumatei of a pair of gold bangles valued at \$48.

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[THE END.]

THREE PIRATES CAPTURED.

JUNK MASTER'S BRAVE ACT.

The capture by a Hongkong police launch of three pirates soon after the occurrence of a piracy aboard a trading junk has just been reported to Police Headquarters.

It is disclosed that yesterday afternoon, at one o'clock, a trading junk was sailing in the Pa Lo Channel, in British waters, when three men who had boarded her as passengers, suddenly emerged from the hold, and pointed pistols at the master and crew.

They ordered the steersman to make for Sha U Cheung, a district on the border, and bundled the other members of the crew into the hold.

As the junk was proceeding to its destination, off Tat Moon, the master asked to be allowed to go up on to the deck. He then espied a Police launch from Hongkong, cruising a short distance away, and conceived a desperate scheme for attracting the attention of the police to the plight of the vessel.

He leaped overboard, and swam towards the Police craft, at the same time shouting out "save life." He was picked up by the police launch and told his story to the officers aboard.

A stern chase was then entered into after the pirated junk. Realising the futility of escape, the pirates threw their arms overboard, and awaited the coming of the police officers. They were put under arrest, and were transferred aboard the police launch, arriving here in custody this morning.

DOUBLE FATALITY AT MANILA.

(Continued from Page 9.)

They will be returned on the Fairfield City which is scheduled to sail for New York via Suez, on Friday. The New York office of the Isthmian Steamship Line was notified by cable of the accident so that relatives of the deceased may be notified.

There is some disagreement as to the nature of the gas which caused the trouble. Health officers who looked at the scene of the disaster were convinced, however, that the carbon monoxide gas had settled in the tank from the funnel of the vessel.

So far as could be learned, this was the first time lives have been lost as a result of gas collected in coconut oil tanks.

MAMMOTH AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

U. S. S. LEXINGTON HANDED OVER.

Quincy (Mass.), Dec. 14.

The aeroplane carrier Lexington, described by naval officers as the most powerful naval vessel in the world, was delivered to-day to Rear Admiral Andrews, commandant of the Charleston Navy Yard, where 200 officers and 1,200 sailors stood ready to man the \$45,000,000 floating fortress. The Lexington is a sister ship of the recently commissioned Saratoga.

ECHO OF MACEDONIA BANDITRY.

AMERICAN LADY'S DEATH.

Chelsea (Mass.), Dec. 14.

Miss Ellen M. Stone, American missionary, whose kidnapping by Macedonian bandits in 1901 electrified the United States, died here last night.

So much interest was aroused in her case, at the time she was kidnapped, that a queen's ransom was raised by popular subscription to obtain her release.

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STRUGGLE ON THE WATERFRONT.

CHINESE CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

That opium smoking tends to preserve a body after death was an interesting statement made by Dr. A. Cannon, medical officer in charge of Victoria Mortuary, when giving evidence at the Criminal Session this morning before Sir Henry Gollan. The Chief Justice had before him a Chinese charged with manslaughter, and Dr. Cannon was giving evidence regarding his post-mortem examination of the dead man, a coolie employed by the Dairy Farm Company, who was taken out of the Harbour on November 16th, it being alleged that he was pushed in by three men who attacked him.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy conducted the case for the Crown and Mr. F. C. Jenkin appeared on behalf of the prisoner.

In his address to the jury, Mr. Fitzroy stated that the prisoner was one of three men who were alleged to have attacked the deceased man in the early hours of the morning of November 16th.

Eye-witnesses would state that a fight was observed to be going on under the verandah opposite the Shekki junk wharf. The victim of the attack was being assaulted by three men. He was knocked down in the road, fell about four or five feet from the Praya edge, and was pushed over into the water. Police attention was attracted by a coolie who cried out "Save Life!" and after a short chase under the verandahs, the prisoner was arrested.

When charged this morning, the prisoner pleaded not guilty.

Doctor's Evidence.

The first witness, Dr. Cannon, stated that his first impression on examination of the body on November 18th, was that death had taken place within 24 hours. Later when he discovered that the body was twelve hours in the water, he thought that death had taken place about forty-eight hours before. The primary cause of death was drowning.

Questioned by Mr. Fitzroy, Dr. Cannon said he found no marks of violence on the body.

Mr. Jenkin:—If there had been any marks of violence when the man fell into the water, they would have still been there when you examined the body?—Yes.

You knew when you examined the body that it had been recovered from the harbour?—I knew that it came from water.

Before a medical man can give a sound opinion of the time which has elapsed between the death and the time of his examination, he must know how long the body has been in the water?—He must know the facts.

A Grim Struggle.

The early morning struggle was graphically described by Li Sing, a cargo coolie. He stated that he was loading cargo on the Shekki junk when he observed a fight going on under the verandah on the other side of the road.

One man was being attacked by three and he gradually gave ground until he was knocked down close to the Praya edge. The men rolled him over and deliberately forced him into the water. He sank immediately and never again appeared on the surface.

Mr. Fitzroy: Did all three take part in the pushing?—Yes.

What did you do?—I only called out "Save Life!"

You didn't try to help him?—No, I did not know him.

Did you see him swimming?—No, he cried out "Save Life!" as he fell into the water, but he sank at once and was not seen again.

The case was adjourned.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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CANTON RELIEF.

MEETING AT TUNG WAH HOSPITAL.

The Canton situation is still very precarious and a state of great tension still exists in the ill-fated city according to the report of the representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital where a meeting was held last night to discuss the problem of relief for the Canton sufferers.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Li Hoi-tung and attended by a large number of prominent merchants including Messrs. Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Ip Lan-chuen, Ho Kwong, the Chairman of the "Twenty-four Guilds" Association, Ho Ju, Ng Yu-kon, Leung Pat-yu and others.

In opening the meeting, Mr. Li Hoi-tung announced that the purpose of the meeting was to consider what steps should be taken in the way of relieving Canton refugees, and to determine whether the relief work should be carried out by Hongkong merchants alone or with the co-operation of the Canton merchants and charity clubs.

The story of his visit to Canton, his adventures in the devastated city, the tense Canton situation and the uneasiness of the Canton merchants, was related by Mr. Ip Lan-chuen, who was the next speaker and who was one of the Hongkong merchants who went to Canton to investigate the extent of the disaster. Mr. Ip declared that the visit to Canton was twofold, namely to show the Canton people that they had the deepest sympathy from the Hongkong merchants and also to investigate conditions.

Proceeding, Mr. Ip said "we were welcomed by the vice-Chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wu Chung-tong and other Canton merchants at the steamship wharf immediately upon our arrival. Accompanied by local merchants, the Hongkong representatives went by motor car to the Canton Chamber of Commerce, at which place we announced that our intention in going to Canton was to discuss the problem of relief."

The unfinished dinner. But the startling reply of the vice-Chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Wu Chung-tong, shocked the Hongkong representatives, for the former declared that if such a meeting was held the attendance would, undoubtedly, be very poor, as under present conditions, when there was no one to even manage the affairs of the Bureau of Public Safety, the headquarters of the Police, none of the merchants would risk their lives by going beyond the doors of their residences to attend the meeting at the Chamber.

However, later in the day, the Canton Chamber requested the presence of the Hongkong representatives at a dinner party to be held the same evening at the Chamber of Commerce building. The proposal was accepted by the Hongkong merchants. At the dinner party that night a few local merchants were present as hosts, but when the dinner was half over most of them made one excuse or another and left the Chamber.

Eventually, the Hongkong visitors were left alone.

SCHOOL BAZAAR.

EXCELLENT RETURNS FROM KOWLOON EFFORT.

The results of the sale of the work by the "Diocesan Girls' School, with the object of augmenting the School Building Fund, held on Saturday are provisionally reckoned at \$350 according to a report received from Miss Sawyer, the headmistress, yesterday.

The various sources of the total are as follows:—Gate Receipts, \$23.40; Christmas Tree, \$54.50; Raffles and competitions, \$87.40; Edibles, \$143.18; Miscellaneous Stall, \$222.50; Schoolwork, \$105.70; Teas, \$83.85; Bran Tub, \$71.86; Sweets, \$67.62; Singing, \$6.60. The D. O. G. A. stall collected \$220, which is not added to the total.

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Though delicacies were still pouring in on the table.

"We then began to feel very uncomfortable believing, that since most of our hosts had taken to their heels, it might not be safe for us to remain behind," added Mr. Ip. "We therefore decided to call a motor car to take us to the wharf, intending to board the s.s. Kinshan for Hongkong. But out on the dark street not a single motor car was to be found. We then determined to walk to the wharf considering it unsafe even to pass the night at a boarding house. Canton was no place for us. The streets were dark and almost wholly deserted. Pedestrians were few and occasionally the corps of soldiers walked along the streets, adding more mystery to our uncomfortable circumstances. Compelled to Return.

"To add to our misery, when we arrived at the wharf we were prevented by soldiers from boarding the steamer. In our disappointment we had to take another long walk, going to Wengsha where we stayed at a friend's house for the night. Early the following morning most of the men in our party left for Hongkong."

Proceeding, Mr. Ip declared that he remained behind desiring to find out more about Canton. He took a motor car trip around the city the next morning and found that pedestrians were more numerous than during the previous night. There was more traffic as the streets had been cleared of corpses. He also found that only from 10 to 20 per cent of the business shops had resumed business.

In concluding his report, Mr. Ip stated that tension still existed at Canton and that almost anything could happen at any moment.

After Mr. Ip's speech others who were at the meeting spoke of their experiences, their statements for the most part

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

Hongkong, December 17, 1927.

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coinciding with those of the former speaker.

Mr. Ng Yu-kon declared that, in his opinion, the Canton disaster would not have a very great effect upon trade in Hongkong as most of the shops destroyed by fire in the ill-fated city were the smaller ones.

Later, Mr. Ho Lu, proposed that since it is known that representatives of the Canton charity clubs were coming to Hongkong by the night boat that same evening the meeting should be adjourned until more facts on the present situation were learned.

Mr. Ho's proposal was seconded by Mr. Ng Yu-kon and the meeting was then adjourned, when it was decided that all those at the meeting should go to the wharf to meet the Canton representatives.



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THE CHARTERED BANK FATALITY.**CORONER'S ENQUIRY.**

The recent fatal mishap at the Chartered Bank in Queen's Road Central, when a carpenter was electrocuted in the basement of the building, was the subject of a Coroner's enquiry held by Major C. Willson at the Central Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

The following jury were empanelled—Messrs. H. H. Priestley, W. C. Felslow, and W. Trevelyan.

A carpenter who worked with the deceased on the job of constructing reinforced partitions for new vaults in the basement of the Bank, said he climbed into the basement after the deceased. Another told who got in after him, complained that he had touched a live wire and had received a shock. Deceased also reported having encountered a similar wire, and they all made to get out of the basement.

Then witness noticed that the deceased in doing so kicked his leg against the iron work of the partition, and it went through the grating. He cried out in agony and collapsed.

Witness, realising that another move might bring him into contact with the fatal part, lay perfectly still. He heard a warning cry for the main switch to be turned off, and later, men with lighted candles in their hands came into the vault.

Wiring System Defective.

Mr. V. G. Kerley, an engineer of the Meter Department of the Hongkong Electric Company, stated that previous to the mishap, on the 6th instant, he received a letter from the Chartered Bank requesting an inspection of the wiring system of the building, which was thought to be defective. When witness arrived at the Chartered Bank at 2.30 in the afternoon, he found that an accident had taken place, and that a man had been electrocuted. He inspected the wires, and found that they were extremely old and had deteriorated considerably. A thorough re-wiring was called for, and he recommended this in his report.

Witness went into details regarding the wiring system, and stated that the wires were not properly sealed at points of contact with walls or iron work in the basement. He saw several wires being bunched up in that part of the building.

Mr. A. E. Clarke, Senior Inspector of Works in the Electric Department of the P.W.D., said that he proceeded to the scene of the fatality in company with Police Sergeant Clark, at 11.30 on the morning following the mishap. The position where deceased was seen to receive the fatal shock was pointed out to him by the Police Officer. The fault, which had caused the shock, apparently had been removed by the representative of the Hongkong Electric Company by disconnecting the fuses from the faulty circuit.

It appeared to witness that deceased was working on reinforced concrete partitions, and where he was standing, there was very little room between the partitions (built for vaults) and a corrugated

YOUTH'S MENTALITY.

MONTHLY DEBATE AT ST. PETER'S CLUB.

From the point of view of logic, the debate held at the St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club last night was much below the standard of the previous discussions, although there was a predominance of humour which tended to result in the speakers invariably deviating from the point at issue.

The motion "That Young Men and Women To-day Are Less Serious Than They Were 25 Years Ago," was proposed by Capt. J. Charnock, supported by Mrs. J. Faid, while the opposition was conducted by Miss E. Cough with Mr. C. K. Ong seconding.

In contending that the mentality of the present day young people was of a less serious disposition than that of those who constituted the younger generation of the beginning of the present century, the proposer pointed out the not infrequent use of slang in present day conversation and the young people's choice of the less serious literature of the age.

The opposition submitted that all young people regarded their work, pleasure and life with as serious an aspect as their ancestors did a quarter of a century ago.

The seconder of the opposition indulged in an exuberant amount of flippancy and was inclined to wander from the question before the house.

On the arguments put forward by the opposition as compared with those of the proposition, the motion was rather surprisingly defeated by eight votes.

iron roof running along the whole length of the basement.

A Leakage.

A leakage apparently existed in a circuit running along the basement wall and which was in some way brought into contact with the iron bars and wet concrete forming the reinforcement of the partitions. During the course of his work, deceased apparently formed a circuit with his body between the reinforced concrete partitions and the corrugated iron roof (both of which were very wet), which gave him the fatal shock.

Witness tested to discover where the corrugated iron roof was good "earth," and got full voltage of 200 between the roof and the live wire of the feeder system. He also put in an insulation test on the circuit marked "40" by the Electric Company's representative, and got a direct zero reading, which meant almost dead earth.

Witness also examined some portable lamps used by the workmen, and although they were not of a type quite suitable or safe for this class of work, he found no leakage fault existent in either the flexible wire or the holders.

Witness said it was quite safe to say that the fatal shock was not received from the use of these portable lights.

The jury returned a verdict of death by misadventure. They added a rider to the effect that all consumers of electricity should have their installations examined once every three years, by the companies supplying the current.

STRIKING NURSES LEAVE.**COMMITTEE'S ACTION.**

More than twenty nurses walked out of Park Prewitt Hospital, the Hampshire County Mental Institution, near Basing stoke, last month.

They were the sisters, nurses and wardmaids who resigned as a protest against the action of the Committee in dismissing Dr. Hugh C. McManus, pathologist and chief medical officer of the Women's Department.

The women went on duty in the morning in uniform, and at mid-day came out of the main entrance in their ordinary clothing, struggling with parcels and suit cases. They stood in little groups in the carriage drive discussing the events of the past few days in the institution, and bidding one another farewell, though, according to the story told by some of them, they ran the risk of being ordered to move on by a police constable who had been summoned from Basingstoke and rode his bicycle up and down the carriage drive.

"When I handed in my keys and was paid my wages, I was told to leave the premises as quickly as I possible, being warned that if I didn't I should be liable to be treated as a trespasser," said one of the nurses. "Why this should have been said to me I can't imagine. I have no wish to stay here any longer than I can help."

As the nurses are on different duties and live in separate parts of the huge institution, not one of them could say definitely how many were leaving. The general opinion was that the figure is round about 25. This number includes four of the five remaining sisters. Seven of the sisters were suspended last week.

One topic of conversation was the dismissal of some of the senior nurses who had been led to believe that the withdrawal of their notices had been accepted. "This morning," said a nurse, "some of the nurses who understood they would be allowed to stay were told to leave the institution in twenty minutes. One or two of them were not prepared to go at such short notice."

"I had withdrawn my notice," said a nurse in uniform, who joined the crowd, "but in view of what has happened today and as so many of my friends have gone, I have given twenty-four hours' notice and am leaving to-night or to-morrow. I know others who tendered their notices this morning, but were told they were too late. They are giving fresh notices on Monday. Other resignations are sure to follow."

The girls left for Basingstoke Station in taxi-cabs, there being as many as nine in some of the cabs. The hospital officials refused to make any statement.

BIG FLIGHT.

"RED ROSE" IN CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, Dec. 19.
The aeroplane "Red Rose" has arrived and is leaving for Rangoon on the 21st.—*Reuter*.

[A message dated Baghdad, November 10 was as follows: The light aeroplane "Red Rose," which is on the way from England to Australia, has had a forced landing owing to magnet trouble, on the site of the ancient Ur of the Chaldees. The R.A.F. machines have left here with mechanics, to carry out necessary repairs. A further message from Bursah the following day announced the arrival of the "Red Rose" there.]

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Tjikini	N. China	2nd Jan.	7th Jan.	Macassar & Java
Tjisaroca	Batavia	5th Jan.	4th Jan.	Amoy, Shanghai & Keelung
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In the foreground of the above picture are seen the bodies of the five Russians who were executed in Canton last week. Among them was the Soviet Vice-Consul, M. Haasie, who, it is alleged, was captured whilst actively directing revolutionary operations at the Police Headquarters. (Photo: Kwong Kwul).



A further idea of the devastation wrought during Canton's reign of terror is given by the above picture. (Photo: Mee Cheung).

KOWLOON JUNIOR SCHOOL.

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Class 7.—Scholarship and Girls' Form Prize, Joan Langley; 2nd Girl, Pamela Rundell. Boys' Form Prize, Teddy Malm. General Progress, Ronald Egan and Alvena Lathovetsky. Good conduct and steady work, Nora Branch.

Royal Drawing Society Examination Certificates.—Div. I, Edwin Long; Preparatory Div., Honours, Douglas Kemp, Taylor Allen, Nancy Kempton, Harry Murgatroyd, Brenda Boryer and Joyce Blake. Pass: Norman Keeley, Ronald Egan, Edna Phillips, Joan Langley, Pamela Rundell, Alvena Lathovetsky, Victor Bond, Teddy Malm, Robert Proven, Joan Paradise, Dickie Branch, Nora Branch and Alice Black.

Class 8.—Scholarship and Form Prize (Girls).—Alice Black. Boys' Form Prize, Harry Murgatroyd. Arithmetic, Norman Keeley. General Progress and good conduct, Nan Martin. Composition, Peggy Tobin. History, Ian Kempton. French, Fred Rodgers.

Class 9.—Division "A".—Form Prize, 1st Girl, Hazel Dove; 2nd Girl, Gladys Jennings; 1st Boy, Cedric Salter. Drawing, William Macfarlane.

Division "B".—Form Prize, 1st Boy, Stanworth Adey; 1st Girl, Dorothy Winder.

Class 10.—Form Prize, 1st Girl, Mary Lyall; 1st Boy, Tommy Sutter; 2nd Girl, Jean Gray; 2nd Boy, Franklin Keeley. General Progress, Hester Heath, Hilda Reid, Nora Kelly, Bertram Mitford, Peter Fleetwood, Jimmy Thomson, Ronald Phillips, Jack Stokes, Victor Meade, Helen Ingram, Myrline Grant and Olwen Greig.

Many Prizes.
After the prizes had been distributed, Mr. A. E. Wood, in thanking Mrs. Cock for her attendance, commented on the enjoyable morning they had spent with the children and on the good training they had shown.

Replying, Mrs. Cock remarked that she did not think there were many children who had not received a prize and expressed the hope that those who had not received one this year would be more successful next.

The children then gave three cheers for Mrs. Cock. Those present then inspected the work done by the pupils during the year. There were specimens from all classes on view, including drawing and painting, pastel work, Christmas cards, scrap books and numerous other articles. In the majority of exhibits considerable ability was shown, several being of an outstanding nature.

RECENT SCENE IN COMMONS.

SUSPENSION OF LABOUR MEMBERS.

"DAMNED UNFAIR."

London, Nov. 23.

Stormy scenes occurred in the House of Commons when the Government applied the closure to the Insurance Bill.

Labour members who had tabulated many amendments, were indignant.

Mr. Wheatley and Mr. Kirkwood, both Labour, jumped to their feet shouting "No."

Mr. Maxton, borrowing a tribby hat rose and shouted, "It's damned unfair." When the sitting was resumed the Chairman of Committees recalled Mr. Maxton's expression and asked for a withdrawal.

Mr. Maxton refused, and when Mr. Hope, the chairman, rose again he was greeted with cries of "sit down."

"You won't be heard to-night, so put what Maxton said in your pipe and smoke it," shouted Mr. Kirkwood.

Mr. Hope called for the Speaker, and in spite of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's protest that it was impossible for him—the Speaker—to know what had occurred, Mr. Maxton was "named."

Maxton Suspended.

Immediately on the Prime Minister's, Mr. Baldwin's, motion, Mr. Maxton was suspended. He walked out amid Labour cheers, and when Mr. Hope resumed the chair there were more cries from the opposition benches.

Mr. Buchanan (Lab.) supporting a labour motion that progress be reported, said that the chairman's ruling was both contemptible and unmanly. The Speaker was immediately recalled.

Mr. Baldwin moved that Mr. Buchanan be suspended and a rowdy scene followed. Labour members rose in their seats, shook their fists and tried to shout down Mr. Hope.

"It's a damned outrage," shouted one member.

"You're a coward, Mr. Hope," shrieked Miss Wilkinson (Labour), and the opposition benches took

up the cry, several Labour members echoing "coward, coward."

Walked Out.

Mr. Buchanan walked out before the voting had finished, his colleagues crying out that they would all have to be suspended before the night was out.

Mr. Sullivan, Labour, then took up the role of martyr, and rose to raise a point of order.

Mr. Hope: What is the point of order.

Mr. Sullivan: That you are damned unfair. (Laughter.)

Before anything definite had happened Mr. Neil Maclean (Labour) noisily intervened and refused to sit down until he had been named and suspended.

Conservative Jeers.

Mr. Wallhead was evidently anxious to join his colleagues, and shouted that "it was a damned outrage." When the Speaker disregarded the remark and nobody paid any attention, Mr. Wallhead jumped to his feet and shouted at Mr. Hope, "Cad, you damned cad." Mr. Hope remained seated and Mr. Wallhead, finding that his outburst was not being noticed, sat down amid derisive Conservative jeers.

After the motion to report progress had been defeated, however, he recovered his spirits and accused Mr. Hope of giving a ruling when the Speaker was in the House.

"Your ruling is a damned disgrace—" he began, but the rest of the sentence was drowned in uproar.

"Does the member persist in his expression?" Mr. Hope asked. "Yes, I do," Mr. Wallhead answered.

The Speaker was then recalled, and Mr. Wallhead was suspended.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The title chosen by Mr. Ronald McNeill on being made a peer. 2. The Six Nations tribe of North American Indians who have abandoned Christianity and reverted to their tribal gods. 3. The small army which overthrew the empire of Basil, routed the Midianites, and secured forty years' peace. 4. Genchi Khan, meaning "mighty ruler," was the self-chosen title of Temujin (1162-1227), who conquered the East from the Black Sea to the Pacific. 5. Sir Josiah Stamp. 6. Andorra. 7. Great Britain £68 10s. America £154. 8. A hitherto unknown range of mountains, 626 miles long, in the peninsula between the Arctic Ocean and the Sea of Okhotsk. 9. Timur-leng ("Lame Timur"), who overran Persia, Tartary, and India, fourteen centuries. 10. That of chloroform by Sir James Simpson. 11. Third daughter of the Duke of Guise, Pretender to the throne of France. 12. The Cenotaph in Whitehall.

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